

A Timeless, Entertaining Dialogue for Living an Extraordinary Life

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"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."

- NAPOLEON HILL

he problem is not that prayers aren't being answered. The problem is that people don't know how important their mindset and emotions are when they pray, or deep inside they don't believe that the prayer will be answered in the first place."

"Hmmm," says Bernie. "So, what you're saying is that many people don't really know or truly understand the basic fundamentals of prayer."

"Exactly! The thing is...when you pray, you are inviting the very essence of who I am to enter the very essence of who you are. It is absolutely a waste of your time to say, '*Hey, Bob, I'm asking for a prayer* to be answered, but you know what, I really don't want to take the appropriate action or change my attitude and belief about anything.' Remember, Universal Law is always working. It doesn't show favorites. It simply works in accordance with what you are thinking, how you are feeling and what you honestly believe."

Bernie closes his mouth and nods.

Bob snaps his fingers and begins to sing. "And your thought bone is connected to your...belief bone. And your belief bone is connected to your... action bone..."

Bernie starts bobbing his head in time. "Got it."

"And I will never intervene in how you think and the effects your thoughts have on you. Never! That will always be your choice. Do you understand?"

"I do. That song sure is catchy. What do I need to do to connect all the bones?"

"Okay, first of all, *prayer* is not something that you do for me, but in unity with me so I can do for you." "So, it's kind of a partnership?"

"Yes. It's not just asking, wanting or hoping. It's certainly not begging or pleading. Instead, it's knowing with an unshakable faith that the prayer has already been answered. In other words, Bernie, I am spirit – pure energy. Therefore, you must always pray to me in spirit. When you pray to me with human qualities of lack or uncertainty, your connection to me is weak, to say the least."

*"When you pray for a desire to be fulfilled, know that Doubt is the Great Nullifier."* 

- Bob

"I've got to give up my humanity to reach you?" Bernie asks.

"Not entirely. Yes, it's true that you're more than just human. To aspire to be your best self, as a human, is part of the great plan. It's a part of me. But your spirit is what matters. That's why you must always go into prayer in spirit from the higher part of yourself. It's not what I must do for you. It is what you must do for yourself to enable me to do for you." Bob looks over at Bernie. "Are you getting this?"

"I think so. Let me see if I got this right. When it comes to a prayer being answered, it's really not what you can do for me, but what you can do *through* me. And that is always my responsibility. It's up to me to make the connection."

"Yes, yes! That's it! Answered prayers or miracles are your right, Bernie, no matter what you want to call them. But you have to cleanse yourself. You have to work at throwing out the garbage in your mind in order to make the connection. A prayer has to go through you – your consciousness – in accordance with how you think, believe and feel and the overall attitude you have. When you pray, you have to leave doubt out of the equation."