

# **Rooted in Prayer**

## *Making requests*

One aspect of our relationship with God is making requests of him in prayer. It's certainly not the only aspect of prayer and should be kept in proper balance with confession, thanksgiving, praise, and otherwise sharing what's on our minds. But we often wonder if what we are asking is just bouncing off the ceiling or if God is really taking our requests to heart. The following describes four characteristics of requests that are positively answered and fits with the picture of a child asking their Father for things. Each of the four general headings provide various scriptures for you to dig into and think about. Why not take some time to have a conversation with your Heavenly Father about these truths as you read them? Is there one that you find really helpful and might post on a sticky note on your fridge or even memorize?

### **1. Living God's way**

- *Psalm 66:18, 1 John 3:21,22, Proverbs 15:8, Isaiah 58, Mark 11:25, 1 Peter 3:7*

### **2. Really wanting what we ask for (Earnestness/Sincerity/Perseverance)**

- *James 5:16-18, Luke 11:5-10, Luke 18:1-8, Matthew 6:5,6*

### **3. What God wants or wills**

- *1 John 5:14,15, Romans 12:2, John 15:5-7, Matthew 18:15-20, John 16:23,24*

### **4. Believing it can/will happen**

- *Mark 11:20-24, Matthew 17:21, James 5:15, Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:5, 1 Kings 18:41-44*