Not My Will

13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:13-14

The essential component to successful prayers is that they are accompanied with a sincere desire to please God and are <u>consistent</u> with the person and the will of Jesus.

"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching." John 14:23

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

Happiness is a bi-product of putting ourselves last.

Satisfaction comes from the confidence that what you are doing is well within the <u>framework</u> of God's will for your life.

4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4

3 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

20 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. 21 Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; 22 for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. 23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:20-23

God's words are the very clear instructions that His Spirit places on our spirit.

"These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word. Isaiah 66:2

Prayer is less about <u>telling</u> God about the way we see things and more about <u>asking</u> how He sees them.

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39

Are you ready to make the kind of <u>drastic changes</u> required to dare call yourself a follower of Christ?