

# Christian Living – Lesson 2 Workbook

## Prayer: Expecting Results

### Acts 12:1-17

1. What was Herod's intent in dealing with the believers?

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2. What did he then do to Peter?

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3. What was the reaction of the church in verse 4?

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4. What do you think the church expected to happen?

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5. What do you think was the intensity of their prayers?

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### MAKING IT REAL

1. When you pray, to what degree do you actually think God will act for your good?

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2. Have you ever been surprised when your prayers were answered? What caused your surprise? A lack of faith? Low expectations? Disbelief?

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3. Why do you think we are prone to disbelieve God? If we tend to think He won't answer our prayers, why do we pray to Him at all?

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4. How do the expectations of your prayers need to change? Are you hesitant to pray with confidence? Why or why not?

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## Workbook Activity

### Pray Expecting Results

#### Part 1:

Using a pencil, identify some things that you know God would be in favor of doing on your behalf. Perhaps it's that you would have a closer walk with Him. Maybe it's that an unbelieving friend would come to know Him as you do. Maybe it's that you would be wiser in your dealings with your parents, siblings, or friends. These are the things for which you are going to pray. Write these things down.

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#### Part 2:

Check each request above. Do you believe God can accomplish good in these things? Do you believe, without doubting, that He can work out good in each of these circumstances? If you do not believe this without doubting, erase it from your list. Be honest about your doubt.

#### Part 3:

Take some time, individually, to pray for your list. Ask God to act for your good, believing that He wants to do that.

#### Part 4:

Pass your journal to another person.

## Homework

- Memorize James 1:7
- Be honest about your doubt, asking God to teach you to pray effectively and remove your doubts.
- Pray expecting results, knowing that God wants to work on your behalf.