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Principle #1

In order to align your prayers with God's will, you need to prioritize the Word of God in your life.

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Principle #2

In order to align your prayers with God's will, you need to focus on what you need to do, in a Christlike way.

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Principle #3

In order to align your prayers with God's will, you need to stop preoccupying yourself with what others are doing.

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Principle #6

In order to align your prayers with God's will, you need to assess what you are asking for and why you are asking for it.

James 4:2c

You do not have because you do
not ask God.

James 4:3

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Principle #7

In order to align your prayers with God's will, you need to ask Him what His will is all the time.

Matthew 7:7

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:8

For everyone who asks, receives.
Everyone who seeks, finds. And to
everyone who knocks, the door
will be opened.

When you align your prayers with God's will, you will usually receive an answer you were not expecting, which means you will end up walking a path that you would not have chosen for yourself.

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