

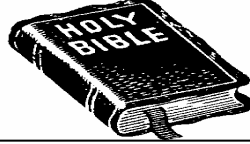
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## CONDITIONS & PROMISES – 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and urn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*

- God’s People – Called By His Name** God named them in the OT. (2 Tim 2:19) *“The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ them that are his. And, Let every one that \_\_\_\_\_ the name of \_\_\_\_\_ depart from iniquity.”* The GK word translated “*nameth*” means *to utter, mention, call, or professes*. In the NT those who followed Jesus were called “*Christian(s)*” – (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet 4:16).
- Hyphenated Christians?** There were none in the NT. Why? God (Acts 15:9) *“put no \_\_\_\_\_ between us and them, \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts by \_\_\_\_\_.”* (Gal 3:28) *“There is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_: for ye are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.”* There were no Unitarian, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, or Pentecostal Christians. One was either a Christian, or he wasn’t.
- Humility** God’s people always displease Him when they become arrogant. (Jas 4:6) *“God resisteth the \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ unto the humble.”* (1 Pet 5:6) *“Humble yourselves therefore under the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God, that he may \_\_\_\_\_ you in \_\_\_\_\_ time.”* When man becomes too proud he rebels, disregards truth, and thinks he knows best about everything. (Isa 30:9) *“This is a \_\_\_\_\_ people, lying children, children that \_\_\_\_\_ the law of the LORD.”* Secular wisdom and hedonistic values have so permeated our lives that many are guilty of this ancient indictment. A Christian must be humble before God and man.
- Pray** God must be in and on your mind before you can pray to Him. If you are too “caught up” in material pursuits, your prayers won’t be fervent or frequent. (Ps 66:18) *“If I regard \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ me.”* Those “hit and miss” in prayer are “hit and miss” in offering thanks and asking forgiveness for their sins. Jesus desired (Lk 18:1) *“that men ought \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and not to faint.”* Paul: (1 Tim 2:8) *“I will therefore that men \_\_\_\_\_, lifting up holy hands, without \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”*
- Why Man Doesn’t Pray** (a) He is pre-occupied with something else. (b) He is uncomfortable talking to God because he is not well acquainted, feels guilt and shame, is non-penitent. (c) He is ignorant of God’s will and doesn’t know to (1 Thess 5:17) *“pray \_\_\_\_\_ ceasing”* or that he should continue (Rom 12:12) *“\_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.”* (d) He is guilty of sin, and knows it!
- Seek God** Accountable people can’t resort to the children’s game of hide-and-go-seek. You won’t find Jesus at a boisterous party, behind the rose bush, or while fishing the river on a bright Sunday morning. Christians are not rooted in mundane affairs. (Eph 4:20) *“But ye have not so \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.”* Jesus said: (Mt 7:7) *“\_\_\_\_\_, and ye shall \_\_\_\_\_.”* Experiencing (Col 1:27) *“\_\_\_\_\_ in you, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_”* comes from searching (Jn 6:63) the Scriptures.