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AGATHOS PRAYER FORMULA: ACTS

- A:** _____ - Say nice things about God.
Affirmation
- C:** _____ - Agree with God about your actions.
Confession
- T:** _____ - Thank God for your blessings.
Thanksgiving
- S:** _____ - Ask God.
Supplication

How do you hear from God? How do you know it's God?

Hearing from God: BCP: _____
Blank Check Prayer

If you already know something you should do, such as stop a habitual sin, or obey a particular principle, do not expect God will tell you something else until you act on what you already know.

How do you Know it's God? Actually, that's the problem. It's difficult to know it's God. *But...*

It's NOT God if the leading is contrary to God's: WorC: _____
Word or Character

It's Probably Not God if the leading is contrary to God's: A: _____
Agenda

It's Probably Not God if the leading is IorD: _____
Irresponsible or Dangerous

Irresponsible or Dangerous Leading should always be suspect and confirmed by multiple trusted and unrelated sources. The more irresponsible or dangerous a leading, the more certain you must be.

It should be suspect if the leading is consistent with SIorE: _____
Selfish Interests or Emotions

Learning to Hear from God is like learning a language, and it takes time. Start with what you KNOW is "of God" and take small steps. It's perfectly okay to be a White Belt at hearing from God.

In the absense of specific leading otherwise, PGS: _____
Practice Good Stewardship

In the presence of specific leading, FtL: _____
Follow the Leading

The level of certainty you need depends upon the level of risk and potential loss in the venture. Good Stewardship in Disobedience to God is Disobedience - and Bad Stewardship!

Agathos Miracle Principle

GMHWYNH: _____
God Meets You Where You Need Him

The Point System: 75 Points of Ability - 100 Point Problem.

Where should you expect God to meet you? At _____, or maybe _____
76, As High as You Can Grow

C&E, P&R: _____
Cause and Effect, Process and Result

Disneyland Example: From San Diego, Disneyland is North up Interstate 5, but traffic is often very heavy. Interstate 8 East is a much easier drive, it just goes in the wrong direction. What result should you expect if you drove 8 East for the easier drive while praying to arrive at Disneyland?

WfYM, GtYM: _____
Wait for Your Miracle, Go to Your miracle

WiHwYP: _____
Walk in Harmony with Your Prayer

Assuming You Were On Your Own, WSYD? _____
What Should You Do?

Assuming You Got What You Prayed for, WDYD? _____
What Did You Do?

1,000 Points of Prayer Revisited:

1 - 10 Points for the time.

x a fraction (0.0 to 0.9) for disbelief; OR

x a multiplier (1.0 or more) for faith.

x a multiplier for enthusiasm in belief (or fraction for enthusiasm in disbelief)

Consider: Agathos Miracle Principle in conjunction with the 1,000 Points of Prayer Principle.

YDAEYCD: _____
You Do Absolutely Everything You Can Do.

PAYMfGtAtR: _____
Pray All You Must for God to Arrange the Rest.

The Point System Revisited: 75 Points of Ability. 100 Point Problem. 1,000 Points of Prayer.
So you can already do 75 points of your problem.

You need God to do a 25 point miracle if you're going to solve your 100 point problem.

It will take 1,000 Points of Prayer for God to mobilize the part He is ready to do for you.

If you _____ - you do your 75 points and that's all you get.

Don't Pray At All

If you _____ - you may get a point or two boost.

Pray Once With Little Faith

If you _____ - you may get 10 points of what God would do.

Pray Several Times With Little Faith

If you _____ with _____ and

_____ - He will meet you where you need Him.

Pray As Much as You Must, Faith, Enthusiasm

How much is enough? Most people report _____.

Sensing a "Release."

Even If You _____, is God obligated? _____

Sense a "Release," No.

God _____ or _____ based upon His perfect Wisdom and Love.

Does, Does NOT

Then you do your 75 and God AtR: _____

Arranges the Rest

AtRiDtGDI: _____

"Arranges the Rest" is Different Than "God Does It."

"The Rest" may show up by "coincidence," by an opportunity, or by a person or people helping.

"The Rest" is NOT likely to come by God superceding Cause and Effect or Natural Law.

NEVER expect God to suspend the Free Will of others.

The behavior of "The People" is predictable - that's how and why marketing works. Some percentage of people will respond to certain things - and by tinkering with what you do and how you do it - you can affect the number of people that respond.

The behavior of "A Person" is different. "Groups" behave based upon statistics - but just because "80% of People" would do something a certain way does not tell you how "A Person" will behave.

Consider: You need a particular person to make a particular choice by a particular time. OR

You need anyone to make any of a range of decisions in a long period of time.

Example: I want this man to change to be the man of my dreams and marry me by next year. OR

I want any man who is or can be the man of my dreams and marry me in the next ten years.

Combine with Agathos Miracle Principle: And I will be the woman of his dreams for the man of my

dreams so when he and I cross paths we will each be God's blessing to one another.

A Problem with Stories: TGTatE: _____

They Get Told at the End

If the story doesn't illustrate the point, it tends to never get told. ALL the stories are important, including (especially?) the ones about "unanswered" prayer! Also, other important stories are those in which someone got or did not get what WE are praying for - and

A Problem with Stories: TAIC: _____

They Are Individual Cases

ICDNPAGP: _____

Individual Cases Do NOT Prove a General Principle.

Example: God parted the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross. So if I drive down to the beach and ask God to part the Pacific Ocean so I can drive to Hawaii - His answer will probably be... _____.