Reasons For Unanswered Prayers

1. Secret Sin - Psalms 66:18 - "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

   Verse #25 - "...ye have set at naught all my counsel; and would none of my reproof."
   Verse #28 - "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer..."

God could be using the teaching and preaching of the Word as counsel. If the person who turns their heart away from obeying the Word, or hearing the vessel (who is delivering the message), then that rebellious one will later regret their unwise decisions. The consequences can be disastrous!

3. Unforgiving - Matthew 6:14 & 15 - "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

   Verses #6 & #7 - "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering... let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord."

5. Asking For The Wrong Reasons And Motives - James 4:3 - "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

   Is your requests to glorify God or show off your breakthrough?

6. Need To Fast - Matthew 17:21 - "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."
7. Not The Will Of God - Romans 12:1 & 2. (read it)  
James 4:15 - "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

Romans 8:27 & 28 - "...(Jesus) He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God . . . all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Key words are "love God" and "His purpose".

It's always God's will to save. No where in the New Testament (during Jesus ministry), does He say I won't heal you. He actually says the opposite.

 Salvation, healing, deliverance, prosperity and peace of heart and mind, is God's will. I'm not saying God wants everyone to be "rich", but prosperous means always having our needs met. (Phil. 4:19)

These are just some of the obvious Biblical reasons why people do not get their prayers answered.  Hopefully, after reading these sermon notes/scriptures, you will be encouraged to repent, surrender, trust, fast, pray, seek and love God with all of your body, soul, spirit, mind and strength.

God can and will answer prayer if we believe and trust His timing. Even His "no" is an answer to our prayers, if it's in our best interest that He refuses our petitions. He knows the future, the outcome and the consequences, good or bad. Trust Him in everything you do, even when it's a disappointment. Later, you may be thanking Him immensely for not giving you the requests you so earnestly was petitioning Him for.

See: Psalms 21:2  
Matthew 21:22  
Matthew 7:7  
Mark 11:24

When God denies our request it could mean:

1) He has something better!  
2) It wasn't His will.
3) He is only delaying the answer for better timing purposes in our life. There are reasons we may not understand at that particular season when our prayers are delayed. Delays are not always denials! Heb. 6:12 - With faith and patience you will inherit the promises. (if it’s God’s will) There is God’s perfect will and His permissive will. God’s perfect will is what HE wants for us. God’s permissive will may not be what He really desires to give to us, but He will do it anyway because we are in rebellion and won’t listen to His voice to challenge our decision. See: Psalms 106:15 - "And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." We really don’t want our way if it’s not HIS WAY. The answer will turn sour and sore every time. The flesh can push it’s way through alot of junk, but the blessing of God "has no sorrow to it" - Proverbs 10:22.

4) Warfare - demonic. Daniel 10:12 & 13. Again, that’s where fasting and prayer comes in, and faith without wavering. satan is trying to stop our break-throughs and cause us to grow weary and faint in the process. Galatians 6:9 tells us, "Let us not grow weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Apply these principles to your daily life and watch how God will open doors for you and answer your prayers. God wants to bless us. II Chronicles 16:9 tells us that His eyes are "running to and fro through-out the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward Him". Perfect in love and walking in obedience to His Word.

May God bless you as you search your heart and follow Him more than ever before. Jesus is coming soon. May He find us winning souls, praying, fasting, forgiving, loving everyone and serving Him, as we give materially, financially and spiritually to those in need. We are His hands extended. God’s ultimate perfect will is for us to walk in His ways. When we follow Him passionately, "no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."

Having our prayers answered will become easier
and easier for us. The manifestations will not take as long, either, when we know His voice and obey. Never ask for anything that is clearly not His will, or goes against His Word. Follow that which is good, pure, lovely and glorifying Him, always, and He will "open the windows of heaven" to you. Malachi 3:10.

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