

## Fourteen Hundred Pennies

In his book *Master Secrets of Prayer*, Cameron V. Thompson says we should pray specifically.

He wrote that when his daughter, Joy, was a small child, she set her heart on a certain present. Asking her sisters how many pennies it would take to buy it, she prayed for fourteen hundred pennies.

A few days later, some friends came by with a jar of coins they had been saving. It contained slightly more than fourteen hundred pennies.

“Vague praying is lazy praying,” Thompson said.



We must let our requests be made known to God and then remember to thank Him when the answers come. Toward that end, many Christians keep a prayer list or devotional notebook to record their prayer requests. Others use the flyleaf of their Bibles for this, although one soon runs out of room.

Make specific requests to God ...

- For your husband or wife.
- For your children.
- For your financial needs.
- For Life Care and Century Park and its leadership.
- For direction in the pursuit of your job responsibilities.
- For individual associates and their well-being.
- For friends and circumstances they may be encountering.
- For your church and its leadership.
- For decisions facing yourself or your family.
- For certain blessings that come to your attention (there are so many, even the air we breathe, but select one or two as occasions present them).

The list, you see, goes on and on. But God wants to hear about matters that are important to you.

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter