



# Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

**11:24** - This text shows us four essential qualities necessary to any great success and prevalence in prayer. First, according to our Savior's description of prayer, there should always be some definite objectives for which we should plead. Jesus spoke of things—"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray." He did not seem to think that God's children would go to him in prayer when they had nothing to pray for! A second essential qualification of prayer is earnest desire, for the Master supposes that when we pray we have something we "ask for." Observe, third, that faith is an essential quality of successful prayer—"believe that ye receive *them*." We cannot pray so as to be heard in heaven and answered to our soul's satisfaction unless we believe God really hears and will answer us. A fourth qualification is that an expectation should always go with a firm faith--"believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*." Not merely believe that "you will" but believe that "you have" received it--count it as if it already were received, and act as if it already were received.