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# FRESH START *Devotionals*

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Dear friend, "Fresh start" devotional is a transformative resource designed to provide readers with daily inspiration and guidance as they start or continue in their walk with God. The devotional is specifically crafted to help individuals establish a personal connection with the Holy Spirit by providing fresh insights into well-known biblical passages. By actively engaging the devotional, readers will discover renewed hope and a revitalized perspective on their relationship with God.

The "Fresh Start" Bible Devotional focuses on fostering personal growth, maturity, and transformation in readers' life journey. It offers foundational teachings, character formation, personal and transformation growth. It encourages growth, and provides tools for goal setting and progress tracking. It also recommends additional resources for further study. Through this, readers will embark on a purposeful and intentional path of life development, equipping them to grow in their faith, live out biblical principles, and become transformed individuals who reflect the love and grace of God in their daily lives.

Get ready for an awesome moment of refreshing.



# BRINGING TO REMEMBRANCE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS


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*You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. Deut 8: 17 – 18 (NIV)*

Has God ever done something so wonderful to you that you could literally hug him? Was it so good you had a big grin and you kept stumbling on your words because of excitement? Yeah, God is awesome like that. Did you know that every day you wake up, every chance you get to read your devotion, walk to the bathroom, finish an assignment and eat good food? These moments are as great as the big grin reaction event as well. Honestly, it is quite interesting that when we want to remember God's faithfulness we think of a specific 'big moment' when we had a big 'testimony'. Meanwhile, God's consistency in ensuring our body systems is awake when they should be and are asleep when they should be is a measure of His faithfulness to us. Imagine if a man was in charge of waking everybody up in all the different time zones. Such a man will probably burn out, or take a 'me' day. What do you think would happen?

The Bible passage above tells us of how our hard work, however important, is made fruitful by the grace of God. There are instances where we even subconsciously just assume God would do it without remembering to ask Him and He does. God consistently cares for us and remains faithful to us always in every circumstance. Sometimes we forget, especially when things are going great. We begin to attribute our successes to how hard we read the course material, or how much we prepared. Meanwhile, He kept us on the journey to school or class and ensured our health was right to take the exams.

A lack of gratitude delays our blessings. When we forget to acknowledge God's goodness, or get too familiar, we start to take God's faithfulness for granted; however, when our requests aren't forthcoming as fast as we have imagined, we become sour, or think negatively. In our low moments, it is important to remember God's past faithfulness. This impacts our state of mind which would impact the response from our environment. Positive energy means a positive response; it helps us develop a positive perspective on situations, and gratitude is a catalyst for positivity.

Do take a moment today to thank God for being faithful.

Have a blessed day!

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, I apologize for all the times that I got too familiar with your love that I forgot to be grateful. **Deut 8:10**

Heavenly Father, I am using this moment to show a heartfelt appreciation for your faithfulness to me and my family, friends and neighbors. **Deut 7:9**

## Confessions

I declare that I see reasons to be grateful in every situation I am in.

I declare that the Spirit of God dwells in my heart continuously, constantly reminding me of God's love in my life and my surroundings.

Daily Bible Reading: Acts 3



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# HOW THANKSGIVING CHANGES THE NEGATIVE



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*He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel. Psalms 103:7(KJV)*

In God's doing there are two basic things to consider as shown in our text;  
The Ways of God: This talks about the science, technology and wisdom of God.

The Acts of God: These are the events where we see God. Biblical scenarios of the barren getting fruitful, people getting financial increase and many more. A lot of people are familiar with the acts of God only, but don't understand the technology and wisdom behind what they see and celebrate.

In considering the ways and acts of God, we will be looking at three things.

- Spiritual intelligence of what thanksgiving is
- How thanksgiving works
- How thanksgiving changes everything

We need to understand that thanksgiving creates a pathway for our desires, it amplifies productivity. Thanksgiving enhances focus and growth in the life of the believer. It makes the unknown familiar and once the unknown becomes familiar, the pathway will evolve.

As humans, we attract our mental equivalent per time which is why we must make conscious efforts to give thanks and for every progress in our lives. Once it can enter into your mind, it can enter into your life. It is in the place of thanksgiving, you become familiar with what you desire. The human heart does not produce what you desire but what you sow, so what you have today is a function of the heart which is why thanksgiving is very important.

The place of thanksgiving is the point where the heart is renewed, so if anything must change in our lives, it begins from within. **Psalms 67:5(KJV) Let the people praise thee O God; let all the people praise thee.**

Thanksgiving makes you resourceful, which is why it is difficult to see a thanksgiver depressed. Thanksgiving changes the state of your heart and conditions the heart for productivity, that is why thanksgiving should be a lifestyle.

Once you are grateful, you will have many things to be grateful for and the more you are thankful, the more your tank will be full.

## Prayer

Father, I am grateful for your ways and acts over my life, # family and career.  
Psalms 103:7

Father, thank you for the increase and blessings we enjoy in my family, church and nation. Psalms 67:6

## Confession

I will always shout and sing for your marvellous works O Lord. Psalms 66:1,3  
I enjoy the daily loads of benefits of God in my life. Psalms 68:19

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# ANointed FOR SUCH A TIME


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For physical training is of some value but Godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

If Jesus was all about religion, being pious and upright, He wouldn't have assembled such a band of what people would have called "misfits" in our time. With all their fallibility, Jesus' values began to rub off on them. In living and dining with Him, they began to embody His person, act and speak like him and consequently improved themselves and became Godly leaders. (Matthew 9:12-13)

Not everyone, you will come across will share your beliefs or religion. If you do, then who would you be trying to influence among them? However, when you meet people who are different from you, deal with each one of them with tolerance. Never be wise in your own eyes but keep aspiring to excel and lead them by the godly values you live by. Walk everyday with the Holy Spirit to bring out the best in you and always walk the talk. (Romans 12:18)

**Have a blessed day!**

## Prayer points

\*Lord, grant me patience and love as I interact with others.

(Ephesians 4:2)

\*Grant me humility and guidance to lead with godly values

(1 Corinthians 10:31)

## Confession:

\*I am on the path of true leadership anointed with the oil of ease to walk the Christian journey.

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 21



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# OVERCOMING DEPRESSION

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*"Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went on a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die."  
(1 Kings 19:3-4)*

Life will happen. Situations and circumstances draining our last hope and faith in God can pop up without prior notice. But what do you do during those times? Do you choose to trust God and let Him take full control or you opt to stay down?

Depression is a state/a place you find yourself. There's a sense of helplessness, and it tends to limit your potential, just like Elijah, a powerful prophet who called down fire, at a point isolated himself and called for death because of a threat from Jezebel.

When you're depressed, it's difficult to believe things can get better because it has a way of magnifying what's wrong and leaving no space to see what's right. It changes you, you become irritable and a shadow of yourself.

Some of the signs that you might be in a depressed state are fear, anxiety, helplessness and low self-esteem. You find it difficult to try again. Taking steps to raise funds for business becomes difficult because you've experienced too many rejections. Some other signs are not wanting to apply for jobs any longer because of all the failure experienced thus far. Some run from love and isolate themselves because of past heartbreaks. That's what depression can do. **(Job 19:2).**

If you're in that state, the first step is to admit it because whatever you cannot admit, you can't change. The same way your physical body can be sick, so also, the soul can be sick, it's called and it should be treated likewise. The same way you get help when you're sick in the body, you should get help, to get healing when you're depressed and not try to conceal it.

Find a community of people who you can talk to, join a small group and share whatever it is you're going through. Do not isolate. Isolation is one of the biggest causes of depression. You cannot be connected to relationships and feel depressed, because the relationships will help pull you up when you're down.

In those low moments, stay grounded. As long as your roots are in the ground, you will bud again. When things happen, they knock you out completely because you don't have roots. To stay grounded, put roots in the word of God. There's something about God's word that soothes the weary and depressed soul. Let the water of God's word fill every dry aspect of your life.

"Even a tree has more hope! If it is cut down, it will sprout again and grow new branches. Though its roots have grown old in the earth and its stump decays, at the scent of water it will bud and sprout again like a new seedling." **Job 14:7-9.**

## Prayer

O Lord, bring me out of every depression and let your light shine in every darkness in my life. (Psalm 18:28)

Daily Bible Reading: Matt. 23

Dear Lord, take away every weariness from me and help me stay grounded in your word. (Psalm 40:1-3, Isaiah 41:10)

## Confessions

Depression has no hold over my life. (John 8:12 NIV)

The joy of the Lord is my strength (Nehemiah 8:10 NIV)



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# TAP THE CAGE

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*And behold, the dove returned to him in the evening with a freshly plucked olive leaf in her beak. So, Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.  
(Genesis 8:11)*

Wayre Cordeiro in his book "The Dream releaser", has an amazing story of how he decided to buy a cage containing a little bird in Japan for about 100 Yen. But just while he was about to go, the vendor called him back and made one of the most profound statements I will never forget he said in a Japanese dialect "SUMIMASEN" which implies "Don't forget: bring back the cage when finished!" in confusion Wayne Cordeiro said, "bring back the cage? I am not planning to eat it. It's going to be my new pet. Without a cage, how do you expect me to get it home?" "Oh", replied the vendor, "you no understand. Bird not to take home. You take the bird to the edge and release. So can fly free", reluctantly and out of fear, he took the cage to the nearby valley and "tapped the cage" until the little bird was able to find the exit point and flew out into the skies where it belongs.

Jesus has paid the "vendor" (Satan) the full price for the release of mankind but will require you and I to go around tapping their cages and enforcing their release. Many have their potentials, talents, gifting and calling locked up in the cages of ignorance, deception, tradition and even their profession hence require you and I to help them tap the "cage" until their destinies begin to find expression on the earth. **(Proverbs 24:11-12)**

Some of these caged abilities are locked up in human beings waiting - your relatives, business partners, professional colleagues and fellow believers in the church. Today, God has brought you in contact with this devotional that you may begin a "cage tapping mission" until that which God has pre-ordained, pre-purposed, and pre-fixed them for, begins to find its way out. **(Isaiah 42:7)**

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, use me to break the cages of ignorance and deception, setting people free to fulfill their destinies (Proverbs 24:11-12).

Lord, grant me wisdom to recognize untapped potential in others and empower them to walk in their God-given purpose (Isaiah 42:7)

## Confession

I am an instrument of freedom, breaking the chains of ignorance and deception, and empowering others to fulfill their destinies (Proverbs 24:11-12).

With divine wisdom, I recognize and encourage untapped potential in those around me, leading them toward fulfilling God's purpose for their lives (Isaiah 42:7)

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# WORK IT!!



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*For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;  
(Genesis 2:5)*

Never allow a person tell you no, who doesn't have the power to say yes. It is indeed true that this simple word "WORK" is capable of turning a mediocre mind into an excellent one and an excellent mind into a brilliant mind. It will also turn a brilliant person into a steadfast person. It can open doors for you and cause men to roll out the red carpet for you. It does not only give you, but makes you a success. **(Colossians 3:23)**

Reflect upon these words, "On the sands of hesitation, lay the bones of countless millions, who at the dawn of victory sat down to wait, and in waiting died!" Procrastination is one of the greatest obstacles to a productive life. Even after you have achieved so much and succeeded in life, you must never stop working on new ideas, fresh dreams and new visions. But if you think there's nothing more to work on, why not work on dying well?

You'll never have the second opportunity to appear here on planet Earth to fulfill your present life's assignment or opportunity. Therefore, determine to die empty by living a maximized life. Determine to squeeze out the last potential out of you while you still live. Comfort is the greatest enemy to progress! **(Ecclesiastes 9:10)**

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant me the determination and strength to work diligently on the tasks You have set before me, knowing that my efforts will bear fruit with Your blessings (Genesis 2:5)."

Daily Bible Reading: Matt. 11

"Lord, help me overcome procrastination and the fear of rejection, and empower me to work tirelessly towards excellence and fulfilling Your purpose for my life (Genesis 2:5).

## Confession

I confess that I will diligently and passionately work on fulfilling my life's assignments and maximizing my potential, remembering that comfort is the enemy of progress (Ecclesiastes 9:10). I will embrace the opportunities before me, leaving no potential untapped, and trusting in God's guidance and blessings as I pursue excellence in all I do.



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## HELPING HURTING PEOPLE

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*"14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."  
(Matthew 14:14)*

**H**ave you ever asked the question "why do bad things happen in the world?" It would surprise you to know that it is not always the work of Satan hunting you directly. In most cases, it could be a continued effect of the fall e.g., as we grow older, we age. Another reason is the poor choices we make. A third reason is circumstances beyond our control, like where we were born. To be a part of the solution, we must learn to develop compassion.

In **Luke 10: 30-37**, a Levite, a Priest, and a Samaritan pass by a badly wounded man, and each acted differently. There are differences between compassion, pity and empathy: compassion sees a hopeless event and takes action, empathy and pity see and discuss or mope over it. As spiritual people, we may be aware of a bad situation and feel bad or sorry about it, but this does not guarantee that we will do anything about it.

According to the scripture, Jesus saw and was moved to do something. Compassion is important because it triggers the power of God. We have to cultivate the heart of compassion. It is difficult for God to use a man that is not compassionate, because the needs of the people can't get his attention. Where your compassion is, is where God can use you.

How many times do we see the homeless, the naked, or even drug addicts and quickly forget that there just might be something that could come from us, which would be an answer to their prayers for the day. We may have excess clothes but, rather than give somebody wearing the same outfit everyday we'd rather keep stacking up. The Priest in the earlier scripture came by that way and looked away. Where

is your heart of compassion?

For God to do something, He has to look for people, especially those with compassion in that area. If it is in your heart, God will put it in your hands. God trusts compassionate people. God may bring you around a family in danger of divorce, hoping that you will pray and do what you can according to His wisdom. Do you have an idea of the statistics of jobless people? When the compassion of God grips the soul of an individual, God can capture such an individual's attention quickly, even in matters that concern nations. You can always start from somewhere.

A self-centered life is empty in the middle.

### How do I become compassionate?

- Pay attention to others (you may care to know why a coworker does not smell too good).
- Develop a solution mentality; tell yourself, "I am God's force for good in the economy".
- Be involved; be a part of the solution (move to see a change. Join outreaches. In a world that is determined to phase Christ out of the school systems, no more Bible knowledge, LGBT in Disney cartoons, and divorced parents who don't go to church — it would be a joy to bring Christ to the children).
- Take action (as simple as giving out clothes you don't use, not bad ones; or praying for and with disturbed people).
- Preaching Christ. Some people sleep around to gain acceptance; some load on drugs just to get high and forget their sorrows.
- Remember, that the more you help others, the more help comes to you to help others even more. **Matthew 5:7**

### Prayer

Father, please put compassion for people in my heart. (Matt 5:7)  
Help me not to be unconcerned. Make me Your hands to bring deliverance in ways you would have me. (Jude 1:22)

### Confession

I refuse to look away from problems I see. I am God's answer to a dying world. **Matt 5:7**  
In a world where people die daily without knowing Christ, I choose to be a Christian, sharing God's salvation by my lifestyle and through my words. (Matt 5:15)

Daily Bible Reading: Mark 11



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# LETTING YOUR LEAVE FALL

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*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32*

**L**ittle yellow leaves from the front yard tree dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. I love summer affectionately and part of me longs to whisper to the tree "Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!" But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than my foolish whispers. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to: (Ecclesiastes 3:1), (Ephesians 4:22-24)

## Prayer point

- To get rid of the old and embrace the new
- » By reading \*Dear Lord, help me release the unnecessary weight in my life and embrace the new season of growth and transformation (Isaiah 43:18-19)
- » By allowing \*Grant me wisdom to release the old and embrace change. (Philippians 3:13-14)
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God longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember: *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* [Isaiah 43:18, 19 \(NIV\)](#)

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

Have a blessed day!

## Prayer point

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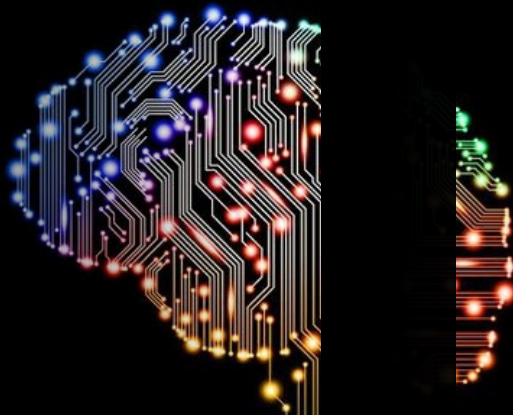
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# BUILDING FORMIDABLE FORCES



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"You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human heart." **2 Corinthians 3:2-3**  
(NIV)

Very often, people desire to do and be more but have no clue how to achieve it. Excellence can be brought out of everyone with patience and guidance. As a leader who builds formidable teams, you must have capacity and increase it daily. Just as building your competence as a leader is great, building the competence of others around you is greater. That's how greatness is made common, for mankind and most importantly for God.  
(Proverbs 27:17)

Are you transforming your team or people around you to become formidable? Pep talks and motivational speeches are great, but transforming lives is way better! Make a decision today to develop people and aggregate their talent for the kingdom. **(2 Timothy 2:2)**

**Have a blessed day**

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#### Prayer point

\*Lord, empower me to lead and uplift others towards excellence and purpose. **(Philippians 2:3)**

\*Lord, use me to ignite potential and build formidable leaders for your glory. **(Ephesians 4:11-12)**

#### Confession

\*God's word is written in my heart and I build formidable influences for Him in Jesus name

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# HOW TO GROW AND HAVE TANGIBLE RESULT


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You didn't choose me, but I've chosen and commissioned you to go into the world to bear fruit. And your fruit will last, because whatever you ask of my Father, for my sake, He will give it to you! **John 15:16 TPT**

**W**hen I think of results, I think of High School Graduation Ceremonies. 6 years of growth, hard work, learning, reading and tough final exams and yup, it's Graduation Day. The smiles of victory, the joy of our parents, and the happiness we feel that our friends are graduating too is immeasurable. If we are lucky, everyone we started the journey with would be graduating with us. That feeling is unmatched! Yet, graduations don't just happen everywhere, there are schools where students didn't finish the race for various reasons, and there are students that finished but would not be graduating because they have no tangible results.

That is the burden of growth with no result. When you think about it, everyone grows because it's a constant, we are supposed to age, yet growing does not equate to producing impactful or tangible results. Producing tangible results requires intentionality, grit, resilience and desire towards a defined goal. When we have good results, we forget all the hard work that created the result, we get lost momentarily in the euphoric feeling of achievement that increases our confidence levels. A byproduct of achieving such positive results is the belief in our ability to achieve great success at will.

How does God grow us to achieve tangible results? Tangible results are not by-products of wishful thinking, they require time, energy, dedication and a significant amount of hard work plus an unwavering belief in the process. God helps us achieve tangible results by putting a hunger in us towards specific objectives. This hunger makes us uncomfortable and leads us towards the necessary action required to achieve success in our chosen endeavors. He gives us revelation and assurance through the scriptures while we are in our growth phases, so we are comforted, driven and fueled to reach the finish line. Finally, God grants us encounters, these encounters impact our perspectives on what we believe is possible in God. **Isa. 55:9-10.**

What area of your life do you need to work with God for growth and tangible results this season?

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## Prayer

\*Thank you Lord because you love me and you care about my success in life. **Jer 29:11**

\*Father, please give me the strength, willpower and ability to bear fruits in every area of my life. **John 15:8**

## Confessions

\*I declare that I bear good fruits in all areas of my life.

\*I declare that I am helped by God and I achieve tangible results in all that I set my mind to.

\*I declare today that I radiate the glory of God, exuding the spirit of excellence in all that I do.

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# HOW GIVING INCREASE US


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*"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38 (NLT)*

**M**any times, people wonder how giving can actually increase the giver, and that's what we will talk about today. In **Luke 6:38**, Jesus tells us that when we give, we also receive. It's not just about the act of giving, but about the blessings and increase that come from a generous heart.

When we give, we experience an expansion in different areas of our lives. Firstly, giving increases our joy. It brings a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction to know that we've made a positive impact on someone else's life. The joy that comes from giving is beyond measure and brings a richness to our own lives.

Secondly, giving increases our faith. As we step out in generosity, we place our trust in God's provision. We learn to rely on His faithfulness and experience firsthand His abundant provision in our own lives.

Additional Scriptural References:

**Proverbs 11:25 (AMP)** - "The generous man [is a source of blessing and] shall be prosperous and enriched, and he who waters will himself be watered [reaping the generosity he has sown]." Generosity leads to prosperity and enrichment in various aspects of life.

**Acts 20:35 (MSG)** - "You're far happier giving than getting." Giving brings happiness and contentment that surpasses the joy of receiving.

Giving is not just about meeting the needs of others; it is a way for us to experience increase in our own lives. As we give generously, we are blessed with increased joy, faith, and contentment. Let us embrace the principle of giving, knowing that as we pour out, God pours back into our lives in overflowing measure. Open your heart to the joy and growth that comes from being a generous giver.

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## Prayer

\*Father, thank you for blessing me, so that I can be a blessing to others.

\*Father, please increase my capacity to give. **Philippians 2:13**

Daily Bible Reading: John 13

## Confession

\*In the name of Jesus, I proclaim that my capacity grows abundantly as I give selflessly. I declare an ongoing influx of joy and fulfilment derived from the act of giving.



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# THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING AND IT'S IMPACT

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"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."

**Psalms 100:4 (NIV)**

Have you ever wondered why thanksgiving is so important? In **Psalms 100:4**, we are encouraged to enter into God's presence with thanksgiving and praise. It means that when we approach God with a heart full of gratitude, it opens the door to experiencing His presence and goodness in our lives.

Thanksgiving is more than just saying "thank you." It's an attitude of the heart that acknowledges God's faithfulness, provision, and love. When we express gratitude, we shift our focus from what we lack to what God has done and is doing for us. It helps us cultivate a positive and joyful outlook to life.

Additionally, thanksgiving has the power to transform our perspective. It reminds us that we are not alone and that God is actively working in our lives. It strengthens our faith and trust in Him, knowing that He is always with us and has a plan for our lives.

## Additional Scriptural References:

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)** - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This verse emphasizes the importance of giving thanks in all situations, recognizing that God's will for us includes a heart of gratitude."

**Philippians 4:6 (NIV)** - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." When we approach God with thanksgiving, it helps alleviate anxiety and brings us into a place of trust and peace.

The power of thanksgiving lies in its ability to draw us closer to God, shift our perspective, and cultivate a heart of trust and joy. As we enter His presence with thanksgiving and praise, we experience His goodness, peace, and guidance. So, let us develop a habit of gratitude, recognizing and thanking God for His blessings, both big and small. In doing so, we open ourselves to a deeper relationship with Him and a life filled with His abundant grace.

**Have a blessed day!**

## Prayer

\*My Father, I express my gratitude for your goodness and kindness towards me and all those associated with me. **Psalms 136:1 2**.

\*Father, I ask that you enrich my speech with words of thankfulness **Psalms 71:8**

## Confession

\*"In the name of Jesus, I continually brim with gratitude in my speech. I rebuke any traces of anxiety in the powerful name of Jesus.

\*Father, I declare that my mouth is constantly filled with thanksgiving.

Daily Bible Reading: Acts 2



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# TRUE WORSHIP

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*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24 (NKJV)*

While music is a beautiful expression of worship, true worship goes beyond melodies and lyrics. It engages the heart and spirit in sincerity and truth. Worship is about a personal connection with God, acknowledging His greatness, and surrendering to His will.

One of the most common things we associate with worship is slow music or that the lyrics of the song have to be patterned or structured in a particular way, and if it's not, then we don't tag it as worship.

Let's take a trip back in time, the very first time we ever heard of a song being played to God in the form of music in the bible was after the children of Israelites crossed the red sea and Miriam led the women to sing songs unto God. Let's think about it, from Adam till this point was about 2500 years, no song was recorded but yet we have records of men whom the Bible gave account that they served God. This is to let us know that worship is not just music, but the state of our heart. The scripture says in **Isaiah 29:13 (KJV)** "Wherefore the Lord said, forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips to honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men."

As we can see in the above scripture, worship is first, a thing of the heart and not just music.

Worship is not confined to a place or time; it's a way of life **Romans 12:1**. As we surrender ourselves to God as living sacrifices, our daily actions become an offering of worship. Let every aspect of your life be an act of worship to the One who deserves all praise and glory.

**Have a blessed day!**

## Prayer Points

1. Let our worship be a way of life, honouring God daily. (**Romans 12:1**).
2. Help and guide me to offer every aspect of our lives in worship (**1 Corinthians 10:31**).


## Confession

I offer my life as a living sacrifice, I dedicate every aspect as an act of worship to our deserving God.

Daily Bible Reading: Acts 8



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# EXPERIENCING THE POWER OF GOD

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*And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die."  
(Genesis 30:1)*

One of the frustrating experiences as a believer is to know that God can do something, yet not see results. Many believers are faced with this issue. How do you practically experience the power of God, so that it brings the change you desire as a person? Un-met expectations (marriage, finances, a job, an illness, a never-leaving addiction, etc) can lead you to envy other believers who seem to have things working: like Rachel in the above scripture.

Understand first, that there is a difference between fact and truth. If the doctor says anyone who contract's a certain kind of illness will die, according to his medical profession, it's a fact; but is that the Truth? No, not according to God's Word. Could it be where your feelings of hopelessness are stemming from, that you have accepted the fact as the Truth? In fact, "facts" are always changing.

For instance, at some point in the past, COVID was said not to have a cure. Have they found a cure? Yes. Facts change, but the Truth always stays the same. Facts are not final verdicts (**Mk 10:2**). If you want to experience the power of God, you must be able to stretch your faith to the Truth, beyond the fact.

While we talk about the logical side of things, there's also the spiritual side. You keep talking about what the doctor said, instead, talk about the power to reverse what the doctor said. You keep telling God about your mountain; God already knows, start talking to your mountain about the Living God. There are no powerless Christians. There are only Christians that forget who they are because they are overwhelmed by the issues of life (**Acts 1:8**). The Holy Ghost came to make you a proof producer (**Exo 8:16-19**).

The story was told of a Christian guy who had a problem and went to see a witch doctor. The doctor tells him to stay in the room where he'll be visited by a snake or some animal. He is to wrestle with the snake and either kill it or get killed. He soon realizes he is losing ground to the snake and starts speaking in tongues. The snake is paralyzed to the dismay of the witch doctor who says: 'you have this kind of power and you come here?'. Who are the people around you? Are they the ones who encourage you to cut corners? That's why people begin to take alternatives that ruin them.

How do I experience the power of God? **Psalms 63** teaches us that we have to be hungry. You can't be okay just showing up in church on Sundays. Thirst is a currency. As a believer, the power you carry needs to be activated (**Ps 82:6**). You cannot live your life jumping from prophet to prophet. Time is an investment for spiritual things. Hunger reflects in separation. Hunger reflects sacrifice. Also, power flows to the lovers of God. Do you really love God, or do you just want Him to do something for you? **Jn 4:10, 2Chro 1:11,12**

## Prayer

Father, help me to hunger for You. (**Proverbs 18:1**)

My life receives proof that God exists: the proofs are in my job, family, environment. (**Acts 1:8**)

## Confession

I bear fruits in all my endeavors because the proof that God exists is on the inside of me. (**Ps 82:6**)

The Power of the Holy Spirit is activated on the inside of me. (**1 Corinthians 14:1**)

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# THE POWER OF GENEROSITY


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And God is able to make all grace to abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.  
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

There is a spirit of materialism in our world today. People are willing to do anything just to be able to have some cash in their bank account. You are probably asking if there's anything wrong with having money and being comfortable. The answer is NO! Our Father is a good and kind God who wants us to prosper and be in good health **3John1:2**. However, God is against us being controlled by our desire for money and material possessions. And it is through generosity that we combat materialism, greed and lust.

Every time we give - to our family, to people in need and to God, we are exerting our power over money. But every time, we hold back in selfishness or greed, we make money the Lord over our lives.

Generosity is also a powerful expression of our faith in God and His ability to provide for us. When we are generous, we acknowledge God as our source and sustenance, and remind ourselves of His ability to take care of us. Conversely, when we hold back from giving, we subconsciously tell God we don't trust Him enough to take care of our present and future needs.

Our giving is also proof of our love. We cannot claim to love and not be generous, because the first proof of God's love for mankind was His willingness to give His only son as a ransom for our redemption.

Finally, our generosity activates the law of sowing and reaping and creates a pathway for us to be blessed by God and helped by other people. **Proverbs 11:25** says "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."

God wants to bless and increase you, so that through you the world will be blessed. Are you going to partner with Him through your generosity, or will find an excuse not to be a giver?

## Prayer

Father, I thank you because you always hear me when I call. (John 11 vs 42)

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 9

Father, I receive manifestation of all I ask for according to your word, in Jesus Name. (Psalm 91:15)

## Confession

I decree and declare that I am connected to Christ, because I abide in You and Your Word abides in me. (John 15:4)

I see manifestation of answered prayers. When I declare Your Word it goes forth and fulfils all that it is sent to do. Hallelujah... Isaiah 55:11



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# THE REWARD OF GENEROSITY

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*Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. (Luke 6:38)*

When God asks us to do something, we must remember that although we may be doing it for Him, we are ultimately the biggest beneficiaries of our obedience. A case in point is our generosity. There are numerous examples in the scriptures where God instructs us to live generous lives. In today's devotional, we will consider what some of the rewards of generosity are.

1. Giving results in receiving: Jesus himself said in **Luke 6:38**, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal [measure] it shall be measured to you again." The bible also teaches in **2 Corinthians 9:6** that the quality of our giving is tied to the quality of our harvest.
2. Giving adds to your account: People often see giving as something that takes away from them, but that's an inaccurate perspective. In **Philippians 4:17**, we see that our giving actually results in a credit to our spiritual account.
3. Giving helps us access divine blessings: When we respond in generosity to God, we position ourselves to access His blessings on earth. In **Malachi 3**, God promises us that when we give, He will open the windows of heaven over us. Do you want to access God's blessings for your life? Make a choice to live a generous life.
4. Giving increases our faith. Our generosity is a proof of our trust in God. The more you trust God, the more you will give. And the more you give, the more you learn to trust God that you will have enough left over for your own needs. Our trusting God is so big in God's mind that our finances are the only place He allows us to test Him, as seen in **Malachi 3:10**.
5. Our generosity results in thanksgiving and praise. God doesn't want to bring you a financial blessing just so you can sit on a fat bank account and gloat about what you have. He wants you to be generous with others, and as you do so, their thanksgiving will go up to God on your behalf. Is your wealth a source of thanksgiving to the Lord? If not, then you're not using your finances correctly.

God wants to bless so many of His children, but until we partner with Him through our generosity, we may find ourselves living sub-optimal lives.

## Prayer

Father, help me to be more consistent in my generosity towards You and other people around me. (2nd Corinthians 8:7)

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 10

Father, help me never be weary of doing good. I reap in due season. (Galatians 6:9)

## Confession

I am a generous soul, so I continually abound in fruitfulness and increase. (2nd Corinthians 9:8)

Through my generosity, God causes me to grow and increase on all sides. I am a blessing to my world through my generosity. (Proverbs 11:25)



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# HOW TO USE THE NAME JESUS

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## Acts 19:11-15 (KJV)

Some people often wonder if the name of Jesus works. They assert that despite praying in Jesus' name, they received no result. Then they reach a conclusion, "Does the name really work?". There are instances in the bible where people used the name of Jesus and it didn't work, see **(Acts 19:11-15 KJV)**. You might be curious to know why the name of Jesus didn't work; the explanation is that we do not know how to use the name.

**Philippians 2:9-10** – talks about the name of Jesus as an AUTHORITY. The problem is that we keep saying the name, but the power is not in saying the name, the power is standing in the authority of what the name means.

**Does the name work? (Acts 3:16)** The name works, but do you know how to use it? Do you know the authority behind the name of Jesus?

**What does the name mean to you?** What is the name of Jesus? The name of Jesus is not talking about J-E-S-U-S; rather it refers to the authority of Jesus. You don't assume authority; authority comes by knowledge. Most Christians are unable to function in the name of Jesus because they do not know better. They don't know what the name means. Therefore, it is important for you to learn about the authority of Jesus.

Praying in the name of Jesus means, the authority Jesus Christ has given to us. So, we go to the Father in the authority of Jesus **(John 14:6)**. Praying through Jesus and praying in the name of Jesus are two different things. We are not asked to pray through Jesus, we are asked to pray in the name (in the authority) of Jesus.

Where is the power in the name of Jesus? **(Micah 4:5)** The Power in the name of Jesus is understanding His authority. When you don't know this, you can't take authority because authority is based on knowledge. Many Christians do not use the name of Jesus effectively and they continue to do what others do because they have not studied for themselves, and they wonder why it's not working.

## Why is there authority in His name?

The name of Jesus was obtained in three ways. When you understand how the name was gotten, you can understand the authority that comes with it.

**1. Jesus' name is an inheritance of the Father.** The name is powerful because it is the name of God **(Hebrews 1:4 KJV)**

**2. The name of Jesus is powerful because it is superior to every other authority (Ephesians 1:16-21 KJV)**

**3. The name was obtained by conquest.** Conquest means Jesus defeated Satan. The name is higher because He can and He has dealt with them. **(Colossians 2:15 KJV)** "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it".

## How does the name of Jesus work?

**1. By understanding the authority in the name.** You may ask: "How do I understand authority?" Authority is not assumed, you read and study, because the more you know the authority, you can stand in it.

## 2. Through Faith in His name

**What will you do with the name today?** It's like an debit card that has been given to you. You have a power of attorney to the name. With the name, you can command, you can declare, you can release.

**Have a blessed day!**

## Prayer

\*Father, I go about my daily activities in the name of Jesus **(Proverbs 18:10)**

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 24

## Confessions

\*I am able to do exploits in the name of Jesus **(Daniel 11:32b)**

\* I have unwavering faith in the name of Jesus **(Acts 3:16)**



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# THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL


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*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."  
(Jeremiah 29:1)*

A lot of us are generous. We give gifts to people we love. The size of the gift we give and the gift itself is dependent on how weighty the recipient is. Gifts can be a measure of the value we place on an individual. For instance, if we are to give gifts to the president of any organization we may belong to, we would certainly not hand him a small denomination in the local currency.

Christmas is symbolically for gift-giving. It started because someone chose to give a gift. The gift of Jesus for the salvation, redemption, and reinstatement of man to where he was meant to be originally. It has led to this culture of gift giving. Think about the things that are of great value to you (son, daughter, car, houses, phone). Consider parting with them as a measure of your love to someone else, and this person not needing to do anything to earn it. That's what God did! God took what He considered most precious, and gave it as a gift; and that gift remains the single most important gift anyone could ever give or receive.

The gift of Jesus is an endless gift. It guarantees access to endless blessings. You access salvation through Jesus. Salvation can be likened to a premium subscription which gives you all the features of a software. Unhindered access to such means everything you could ever need in this world has been taken care of - children, finance, healing, prosperity in your soul, a life partner, etc.

In salvation, you experience freedom from sin (**Rom 8:1**). A lot of Christians lack conviction about the gift of Jesus they have received, and it's a pointer that their gift is still unwrapped. We can't accept a gift and abandon it never truly knowing what is inside. You have to enter a relationship with Jesus that would allow you to know Him, not just about Him! Knowing Jesus is about paying attention to Him (which means spending time with Him), and experiencing Him. Do you know Jesus? If you know Jesus only as a carpenter, all you will get would be furniture! Wrong teachings is another reason that people don't know Jesus.

How do we access God's gift?

1. By being born again (believe what Jesus did for you. Receive Jesus).
2. Knowledge (aim to know Him personally, and what He did for you on the cross).
3. Faith (God says the Just shall live by faith in this world. For instance, only the people that believe God answers prayers see God answer prayers). Unwrap your gift!

## Prayer

Father, help me to unwrap the gift of Jesus. Phil 3:20  
Help me walk in the newness of life that I have received. 2Cor 5:1

Daily Bible Reading: Mark 3

## Confessions

I have the gift of God. I enjoy everything that salvation made possible. Everything that does not align with the newness of life is broken. John 3:16

Christ in me. I begin to see new possibilities in my earthly walk.  
Jeremiah 29:1



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# THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WORD OF GOD

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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.  
(2 Timothy 2:15) (KJV).*

Be intentional about studying the bible, and your spiritual life will take off. If there is anything you should not leave to chance for the sake of your spiritual well-being, it is the quantity and quality of time spent digging the scriptures. In a world where everything seems to be fast and rising, many Christians have left the studying of their bible to chance, to Sunday or weekly service. Christians like that would only end up becoming spiritually malnourished. To study your bible effectively is to obey a biblical commandment, and to do otherwise because of whatsoever excuse is to disobey that command. Just as you need physical food on a daily basis to sustain the flesh, a Christian needs enough of the word of God to sustain the spirit daily.

Do you know that no matter how busy a man gets during the day, he still finds time to eat? Why? Because the body needs the food to continue. Such is the place of studying God's word daily to keep our spirit man alert and to hear from God. Thy words were found, and I did eat them (**Jer. 15:16a**). You must realize that it takes a hunger for God's word, not just sermons, for a man to be able to come to a place of studying the bible effectively. You must desire to know the mind of God directly. What is God's perspective on issues of life? The bible offers every detail of it. The hunger for God's word will make studying the word not a boring and ritualistic exercise as a Christian, but an avenue to hear God speak to you directly. If you are finding it hard to settle and find time for your bible, pray to God to increase your hunger for His word. This is only for those that sincerely want to improve in their bible study life. The psalmist says a broken and a contrite heart the Lord will not despise (**Psalms 51:17, 119:11**).

And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind; that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (**Romans 12:2**).

When you study your bible, your mind gets renewed which breeds transformation into more of Christ's stature. Be encouraged to set out a time daily on God's word, preferably during the early hours of the day or at night, please don't confuse this with morning devotion. It can be incorporated into morning devotion, but it must involve the whole of your heart, with the bible like a student to his books. You can get a journal and a pen to note down bible scriptures. Write out striking scriptures, lessons and directions received from studying the bible. You can assist your study with bible study outlines or guides from church. Remember it is bible study, not bible reading. Studying will involve comparing scriptures, memorizing scriptures, understanding scriptures and resolving to apply the lessons learnt to one's life which is the major essence of studying. The word of God is quick and sharper than any two-edged sword, it reveals itself to you like a man beholds a mirror. It is your sword against the devil. Remember how Jesus defeated the temptation from Satan? He didn't negotiate, he gave the devil scriptures and that was all (**Matt. 4:1-11**). Don't be without a Word when you face temptation from the devil. But how will you offer what you haven't filled yourself with? Your word have I hid in my heart that I shall not sin against thee (**Psalms 119:11**).

## Prayer

Father, help me to overcome laziness and procrastination that keeps me away from studying my bible in Jesus name. Amen. Eph 3:16

Daily Bible Reading: Matt. 19

Father, Increase my hunger and desire for your Word in my life in Jesus name. Jer 29:13

## Confessions

I am empowered to daily spend time with God's word. Isaiah 40:31  
I declare that the word of God is sweeter to my taste. Psalms 119:103



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# TRANSFORMATION BY HIS WORD

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*For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 44. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. 45. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."*

(Luke 6:43-45)

**T**he focus of this topic is on "How God changes us by the word". We will be examining the word, the seed (what it can do) and the need to take care of your hearts and emotions.

**Luke 6:43-45** simply tells us that the results we have in our lives are functions of what's happening in our hearts.

For example: You may be believing God for a job, but what you say about it is what you believe. What is the state of your heart?

The Word of God is a "seed" and we plant the seed by speaking. All what you are praying for will first come as a "seed". The power is in the word and as the word is released, the seed is planted. All you have to do is to let it grow from within.

There are corruptible seeds and there are incorruptible seeds. Corruptible seeds are seeds that can fail. For example: when you plant corn, not every corn seed you plant will do well. This means that the seed of a corn is corruptible but, in the bible, according to **(1st Peter 1:23 KJV)**, we see that the seed of God's word is incorruptible, and God's word never fails.

Now, the question you are probably asking is: "If God's word never fails, why haven't my finances, job, career, or health changed since I'm applying God's word?"

Why is there no change when you apply the word?

1. The soil dominates the seed: This means that the soil has the potential and power to limit what the seed can do. See **Mark 4:3-9** for the parable of the sower. Here, the seed was sown and although the seed was incorruptible, it didn't bear fruits in all the ground they fell on.

2. The soil affects the seed: The soil is the "heart" of man, which means the core of man (spirit, emotions, mindset). What limits the word of God has to do with the things on the inside - the mindset, emotions. For example: You may be praying for your husband, but your emotions have been broken/damaged. The condition of your heart, your belief system, begins to limit the power of the seed. What you need to do is to fix your heart – the soil, because it limits the seed.

For example: You may be praying for your husband, but your emotions have been broken/damaged. The condition of your heart, your belief system, begins to limit the power of the seed. What you need to do is to fix your heart – the soil, because it limits the seed. Remember, when God's word is sown in your heart, you begin to see differently, because it will bear another kind of fruit.

Signs of a polluted heart.

For example, the moment the word "marriage" is mentioned, your heart is defiled. That's what you are praying for quite alright, but there is a negative way you feel about it and that shows faith is not present. Remember, the soil dominates the seed.

The reason why you don't have a testimony is because your heart is not fertile enough, your heart is negative. Therefore, when you are negative and you fast, pray, or sow, the outcome will be negative. The state of your heart should be good. The bible also says; "guard your heart with all diligence" **(Proverbs 4:23 KJV)**

**What to do to actively take delivery of the Word**

·By Faith **(Hebrews 4:2 KJV)**. Faith is how we take delivery of what grace has done. Where your faith stops, is where your testimony ends. **(Hebrews 11 KJV)**

**Why Faith is so important?**

·Faith is the ever-winning force **(1st John 5:4 KJV)**

·When you have faith, you always get a good report **(Hebrews 11:2 KJV)**

·Faith has the power to shatter the attack of the enemy **(Ephesians 6:16 KJV)**

·You need to not just meditate on the word, you must act on it by faith. **(James 1:22 KJV)**

·The first step of faith is to believe **(John 1:12) (Luke 1:45)**

·Faith makes the impossible become possible. (See the story of Lazarus who was dead but faith brought him back to life and also the story of water turned into wine).

What do I do about my Faith?

Faith is not waiting on God to work; it is putting the word to work. It is not passive; it is putting the word of God to test.

Here are some bible promises that will help you:

Business and Career: **(Joshua 1:5, Isaiah 58:11, Deuteronomy 30:9)**

Relationship and Marriages: **(Psalms 34:10, Psalms 37:4)**

## Prayer

Father, help me to act on Your Word by Faith. **(James 1:22 KJV)**

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 2

Father, help me to remove all the doubts and negative thoughts that are inside my mind, heart, and soul. **(Proverbs 4:23 KJV)**

## Confession

I declare that my heart is open to God's word. **(1st Chronicles 22:19 KJV)**



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# HOW BIG SHOULD YOUR FAITH BE, TO GET RESULTS

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*"He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'"*  
(Matthew 17:20)

**H**ave you ever wondered if your faith is strong enough to make a difference? In (Matthew 17:20), Jesus tells His disciples that even a tiny amount of faith, as small as a mustard seed, can move mountains.

Now, you might be thinking, "How can such a small thing like faith have a big impact?" Well, just like a seed grows into a mighty tree, our faith can grow and do amazing things.

Jesus used the example of a mustard seed because it is one of the tiniest seeds, yet it grows into a large tree. Similarly, when we have even a small amount of faith in God, it has the power to grow and bring about incredible outcomes in our lives. It's not about the size of our faith, rather, the One in whom our faith is placed.

## Additional Scriptural References:

**Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)** - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." This verse reminds us that faith is believing in things we cannot see but are confident will come to pass.

**Mark 9:23 (NIV)** - "Everything is possible for one who believes." Jesus reassures us that when we believe, there are no limits to what God can accomplish through us.

Remember, it's not about having massive faith from the beginning. It's about starting with even the smallest seed of faith and allowing it to grow and strengthen as we trust in God. When we place our faith in Him, nothing will be impossible for us. So, don't underestimate the power of your faith. Dare to believe and watch as God moves mountains in your life.

## Prayer

Father, thank you for the unwavering support I find in you. (1 John 5:14).  
I thank You for empowering me to accomplish everything through your strength. (Matthew 19:26)

Daily Bible Reading: Mark 12

## Confession

I confidently proclaim my possession of the faith capable of moving mountains, all through in the authority of Jesus' name.  
I affirm that doubt has no foothold within my heart.



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# THE GRACE FACTOR 1

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*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV)*

More than the success and wealth principles, Grace distinguishes people. When everything you know comes to an end, Grace takes over.

Grace is defined as the influence in the life of a man which is reflected in his everyday life giving him the supernatural ability to do exploits. It is the outworking of an inward influence. We have heard it said that grace is an unmerited favor. Is that really the full picture?

Grace is in dimensions. That is why our scripture for today, amongst others, talks about 'all grace'. There's a grace for accomplishments. The grace that qualifies you where and when you are not qualified. Doing the unusual as though it were usual. It is the ability of God in a man that causes him to achieve significant results.

There is a dimension of grace which is indeed unmerited favour. The grace for salvation is totally unmerited. It is freely given. It is solely based on the finished work of Jesus. Not requiring your contribution, only by the gift of faith through grace. God did not even allow the disciples to help Jesus bear the burden of the suffering for salvation by joining Him in prayers. They slept off each time they tried. It is solely God's doing from beginning to the end. No human effort in it.

Another dimension of grace is the grace for living a victorious Christian life every day **Eph 1:7**. It is also a grace that is freely given. This enables us to develop the fruits of the Spirit to live a godly lifestyle on earth. The Grace that teaches us to say 'No' to sin **Titus 1:12**. The way to appropriate the grace for forgiveness is to get the appropriate scriptures and meditate on it.

For example, the bible says we forgive as God in Christ has forgiven us **Ephesians 4:32**. The requirement to manifest this grace for forgiveness is to believe and speak it out of your mouth. As the faith of the new covenant is released by speaking **Rom 10:6**.

Grace delivers excellence. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of excellence. When the Spirit of God was upon King Solomon, he delivered so much excellence and wealth. Wealth is for kingdom influence. Tomorrow we will look at the other dimensions of grace.

**Have a blessed day!**

## Prayer

\*Let every day be an opportunity for me to realize how much I need You and how much of Your grace I need.

\*Give me the ability to examine myself and live right. Help me Lord to reconcile Your truth with my walk of faith **1 Peter 4:10**.

## Confession

\***Isaiah 41:10** – My God strengthens me and helps me through the force of His Grace.

Daily Bible Reading: Acts 17



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# THE GRACE FACTOR 2

Prophetic  
PRAYER  
HOUR

*But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Peter 5:10, KJV*

God is more interested in who you become more than what you want. More than the success and wealth principles, Grace distinguishes people.

Yesterday, we began to talk about the dimensions of grace. We looked at the grace for salvation which is totally freely given. We also saw the grace for living the Christian life which requires our confession.

Today, we look at yet another dimension of grace that requires your participation to come into full manifestation. **Acts 4:33** calls this dimension Great Grace. It was made available to them to fulfill their purpose. The Apostles went forward, and they were backed with great power for great accomplishments. If the Apostles did not teach, there'll be nothing for signs and wonders to confirm (**Acts 14:3**). It is at this dimension of grace they began to manifest what Jesus says, 'Greater works will you do' (**John 14:12**). This required their full participation to accomplish. It is this grace that can be appropriated to fulfil this great prophecy of Jesus.

It is this dimension of Grace that delivers you into the fullness of your calling. This is what the Apostle Paul in **1 Cor 15:10** talks about labouring more abundantly on the grace that was bestowed upon him. In fact, he labours like no one else and has grace like no one else. He talks about grace upon grace which really means grace replacing the used grace. To increase in this grace, you must use up the previous grace. In **2 Pet 3:18**, the Amplified version translates grace as spiritual strength. Strength is only strength when it is used. Every grace given is to bring you to the fullness of your inheritance in Christ.

Various levels of grace are made available to us to bring us into the fullness of the likeness of God. Every time we use the available grace, we increase in grace. A new dimension is opened to us. There is a financial grace, which is best maximized through kingdom influence. Grace produces strength in not just the area that we worked on, but in areas of our weaknesses.

**Have a blessed day!**

#### Prayer:

\*Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times when we take advantage of your unfailing love. Being complacent, too comfortable with our mediocrity. We fail to strive for the good plans you've laid out for our lives. Please forgive us for cheapening your grace. Renew our gratitude for the sacrifice you made for us (2 Cor 8:9)

#### Confession:

\*The empowering grace of God abounds in every area of my life. I do not waste the grace of God on my life. I maximize God's grace in my life. I do not frustrate the grace of God (Galatians 2:21)

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# HOW TO GROW AND HAVE TANGIBLE RESULT


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HOUR

You didn't choose me, but I've chosen and commissioned you to go into the world to bear fruit. And your fruit will last, because whatever you ask of my Father, for my sake, He will give it to you! **John 15:16 TPT**

**W**hen I think of results, I think of High School Graduation Ceremonies. 6 years of growth, hard work, learning, reading and tough final exams and yup, it's Graduation Day. The smiles of victory, the joy of our parents, and the happiness we feel that our friends are graduating too is immeasurable. If we are lucky, everyone we started the journey with would be graduating with us. That feeling is unmatched! Yet, graduations don't just happen everywhere, there are schools where students didn't finish the race for various reasons, and there are students that finished but would not be graduating because they have no tangible results.

That is the burden of growth with no result. When you think about it, everyone grows because it's a constant, we are supposed to age, yet growing does not equate to producing impactful or tangible results. Producing tangible results requires intentionality, grit, resilience and desire towards a defined goal. When we have good results, we forget all the hard work that created the result, we get lost momentarily in the euphoric feeling of achievement that increases our confidence levels. A byproduct of achieving such positive results is the belief in our ability to achieve great success at will.

How does God grow us to achieve tangible results? Tangible results are not by-products of wishful thinking, they require time, energy, dedication and a significant amount of hard work plus an unwavering belief in the process. God helps us achieve tangible results by putting a hunger in us towards specific objectives. This hunger makes us uncomfortable and leads us towards the necessary action required to achieve success in our chosen endeavors. He gives us revelation and assurance through the scriptures while we are in our growth phases, so we are comforted, driven and fueled to reach the finish line. Finally, God grants us encounters, these encounters impact our perspectives on what we believe is possible in God. **Isa. 55:9-10.**

What area of your life do you need to work with God for growth and tangible results this season?

**Have a blessed day!**

## Prayer

\*Thank you Lord because you love me and you care about my success in life. **Jer 29:11**

\*Father, please give me the strength, willpower and ability to bear fruits in every area of my life. **John 15:8**

## Confessions

\*I declare that I bear good fruits in all areas of my life.

\*I declare that I am helped by God and I achieve tangible results in all that I set my mind to.

\*I declare today that I radiate the glory of God, exuding the spirit of excellence in all that I do.

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# HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL



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**Proverb 25:25 (KJV):** As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

**H**ave you ever been in desperate need of a cup of cold water to quench your thirst? How did you feel after you quenched your thirst?

That feeling of refreshment and satisfaction you feel is the same feeling men get when you lead them to Christ.

The gospel is good news, and the gospel quenches the thirst of men and their endless search for satisfaction. **(Proverbs 25:25)**

The good news you have is what the people need to hear. Don't deprive people of quenching their thirst because you think they act uninterested or show they don't believe in God's existence.

Go out of your way to share the good news because unlike physical thirst, spiritually thirsty people do not realize they are actually thirsty and so you have to keep pushing until they drink and realize how thirsty they are.

Do all it takes to share the good news. Carry tracts around with you, be friendly, and willing to share the burden of those around you.

Invite a colleague from work to church, go out of your way to help that mother babysit her child. Pay for that person's transport fare. And above all, be spiritually sensitive to the nudging of the SPIRIT.

Like Phillip with the Ethiopian Eunuch, an honest question can open up a conversation. **(Galatians 6:9)**

**Have a blessed day!**

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## Prayer

Father, I thank you for the privilege to share the good news.  
Please embolden me to go the extra mile and ensure that everyone  
I come across has their spiritual thirst quenched their in Jesus name,  
Amen **(2Timothy 1:7)**

## Confession

Father, I thank you that I have water that quenches men's thirst.

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# DEVELOPING INTIMACY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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*Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
(Psalms 51:11 NIV)*

The Holy Spirit isn't just a distant concept- He's God Himself, eager to walk alongside you every step of the way. We're talking about tapping into a supernatural connection that will revolutionize your faith and empower you in unimaginable ways. So, buckle up and get ready to unlock the secrets of intimacy with the Holy Spirit! In this devotional, we'll discover the amazing things the Holy Spirit does in our lives, how the Bible describes Him, and some practical ways we can grow closer to Him.

## The Purpose of the Holy Spirit:

- The Holy Spirit reveals your identity as a child of God. **Romans 8:15 (NIV)** - "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to son-ship. And by him, we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"
- The Holy Spirit claims ownership of you, protecting and guaranteeing your future. **2 Corinthians 1:22 (NIV)** - "set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

## Different Descriptions of the Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit is like water – refreshing, life-giving, and quenching. **Isaiah 44:3 (NIV)** - "For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." **John 7:38 (NIV)** - "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." Water refreshes: When you feel drained, the Holy Spirit can bring refreshment and from walking intimately with the Holy Spirit.

rejuvenation, preventing you from becoming overwhelmed by life's pressures. Water gives life and growth: Like a tree planted by streams of water, you can bear fruit and prosper in all you do. Water quenches thirst: The Holy Spirit fills your deepest longings, satisfying the yearnings of your soul.

2. The Holy Spirit is like rain – pouring out blessings and empowering you. **Joel 2:23, 28 (NIV)** - "'Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.' 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.'"

## Practical Steps for Intimacy with the Holy Spirit:

- Cultivate a conscious awareness of God's presence. Become mindful of God in every aspect of your life, so you can recognize His voice and listen attentively when He speaks to you.
- Let go of mindsets hindering intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Identify and release thoughts and mindsets that distance you from the Holy Spirit. The more you yield to the flesh, the further you drift from His presence.

As you embark on this journey of developing intimacy with the Holy Spirit, remember that He is your confidant, comforter, and guide. He longs to refresh, empower, and transform your life. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead you into a deeper relationship with God. May you experience the abundant blessings and fulfillment that come from walking intimately with the Holy Spirit

## Prayer

Holy Spirit, transform me, empower me to walk in Your light. (2 Corinthians 3:18)  
Guide me, Holy Spirit, to cultivate mindful awareness of Your presence. (Psalm 139:7-10)

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 4

## Confession

I confess that I am aware of God's presence in my life. I seek Him in every moment, listening for His voice and following His guidance.

Psalm 16:11 (NIV) - "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."



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# HOW DOES GOD GUIDE AND LEAD?

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*For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.  
(Romans 8:14)*

**A**s we grow as believers, we need to recognize the leading of God in our lives. Everybody hears voices, but the question is who are you following? It is important to note that you cannot respond to God if you don't know how He leads you and also until you respond to God, you will not hear everything that God wants to tell you.

It is important for us as believers to understand God's leading, so we don't confuse it with our feelings. Recognition of God's leadings will make us separate His voice from the many voices around us.

## Some ways through which God leads us:

- Visual Methods: These come by sight either physical or spiritual. Examples are visions and dreams as relayed in **Job 33:14,15(KJV)** "For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed."
- Supernatural Encounters: As seen in **Exodus 3:2(KJV)** "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush and he looked and behold the bush burned with fire and the bush was not consumed."
- Audible Voices: These are clear voices that sound as normal voices, but they carry spiritual instructions as clearly stated in **Isaiah 30:21(KJV)** "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying this is the way, walk ye in it when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left."
- Another method of God's leading is categorized under Impressions: The Holy Spirit's inner witness makes us know about ourselves and things around us because The Holy Spirit is our perfect indicator. Some would call it intuition or sixth sense, but it is indeed the Holy Spirit.
- Circumstances: These help confirm what God is saying and not necessarily inform. Things happen to us and around us that God uses to point us towards certain directions, and we can identify with our channel of spiritual guidance through; I) Knowledge of how God speaks II) How he has been speaking to you over time
- The scriptures: This is the surest way by which God speaks, guides and leads us.

## Prayer

I declare that I am alive to God's leadings in Jesus' name. (Matthew 13:13)

Daily Bible Reading: Luke 7

I receive the grace to recognize and follow the voice of God in Jesus name. (John 10:27)

## Confession

I am led by the spirit of God, so I excel in all my endeavors. (Romans 8:16)

I hear and follow my Master's voice, which leads to profit. (Isaiah 30:21)



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# YOU ARE TOP CLASS


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*Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.  
(James 1:18)*

Observe the beginning of the construction in the opening verse; it says, "Of his own will begat He us...." That means the Lord gave birth to us on His own volition. It was His choice to give birth to us with the Word of truth that we should be a kind or a type of first fruit of His creatures! What's the meaning of first fruits? First fruit means the first and the best of anything; it implies top class. You're top class, excellent all the way, because you're born of God. Halleluiah!

The same truth is reiterated by the apostle Peter in **(1 Peter 1:23)**: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." John also referenced the fact that this happened by God's own design; it was His will: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" **(John 1:12-13)**. It was His will to make you top-class.

So, live your best and be your best for Him. Keep your mind on the image of you that God has given you in His Word. You're His peculiar treasure, His reproduction, His excellent handiwork, a bundle of success, an achiever, and a victor in Christ Jesus. He made you for glory and beauty. See how He describes you in **(Ephesians 2:10 AMPC)**: "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [following paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."

Let this put a spring in your steps. It makes no difference who condemns you; refuse to be distracted by what others might be saying about you. What counts is who you are in Christ: you're top-class; perfected in righteousness, holy, unblameable and unreprouable in God's sight **(Colossians 1:22)**. Glory to His Name forever!

## Prayer

My Father, help me always live in the consciousness of my identity as your excellent handiwork. (James 1:18).

I refuse to be distracted by the opinions of others and stand confidently in my position as your child. (Ephesians 2:10) In Jesus mighty name.

## Confession

I confess that I am born of God's own will, a kind of firstfruits of His creatures, and I walk in the fullness of my identity as His top-class, excellent handiwork (James 1:18, Ephesians 2:10).

In Christ, I am perfected, holy, unblameable, and unreprouable, bringing glory to His name forever (Colossians 1:22).

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# THE BENEFIT OF SERVICE

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*"And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desires to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)*

God measures greatness by the ability to serve. Every time God wants us to serve, He's not really thinking about Himself because if He wants to get the job done, He can easily use angels. But when He calls a man to serve, He's thinking about the man.

God uses service to expand us. Every time God wants to expand a man, He calls Him to serve. God wanted to expand Moses, so He sent him to Pharaoh. Perhaps a demand to lead or evangelize has been placed upon you - you must see it as God's call to expand you.

## Service expands your capacity.

In **Matthew 4:19**, Jesus said, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." This verse opens our eyes to see that there's something about serving and following that expands us from fishing for fish to becoming fishers of men - your capacity changes.

We all have potential, but what turns our potential into reality is service. There are things you'll never learn on your own and potentials you'll never know you have till you start serving. We see how Joshua continually waited on Moses as an assistant/servant until his capacity was expanded and he took over leading the people of Israel from Moses.

Another reason why God calls us to serve is because service turns your pain into power. Whether you're born again or not, pain is a constant in life because we live in a fallen world. God doesn't promise that we'll never have pain, instead, He says He'll give us comfort in our pain and turn our pain into a message. **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**.

## How does God do this?

He depends on your service. If you can serve Him faithfully and use the pain you have gone through to serve/help others, He'll turn your mess into a message, your misery into ministry.

Service can fuel your success. It's a seed that carries words for the future. Hebrew 6:10 says, For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

When it comes to service, it's possible not to be consistent because we can get weary. God understands, which is why He tells us in **1 Corinthians 15:58**, to be steadfast because our labour will not be in vain.

**Have a blessed day!**

### Prayer:

\*Dear Lord, help me not to be weary of well-doing. Help me stay steadfast in service. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Daily Bible Reading: Romans 3

\*Dear Lord, take away every spirit of pride from me. I stay humble and serve in God's kingdom without wavering.

### Confession:

\*The things of God are attractive to me. I choose to serve wholeheartedly, with a cheerful heart.



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# EFFECTIVE PRAYER


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*Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.*  
(Psalm 34:8-10)

There is a lot to learn about this topic and a lot to unlearn, and one of the basic assumptions is that all prayers get results.

Many people prayed throughout the Bible, yet many of them did not have their prayers answered. The reasons could be wide because there are principles that guide prayers.

## What is Prayer?

Prayer is word-based, you read the word to establish what God has done it. There are also moments when intense doubt prevents your prayers from being answered.

## Why doesn't prayer work?

**Thought pattern:** Most people have mastered the religious acts of prayer i.e., praying to feel good or expressing your pain and it's not an active release of power. The heart is disconnected from the prayer. (Mathew 15:8)

You need to know what the will of God is: Every time you approach God and if you are not sure or certain if He'll do it or not you'll not receive. The problem with your prayer is that, you are not convinced God will do it for you. (Hebrews 11:6)

## How to know God is willing:

Go to His word and allow His word speak to you on a personal level. Break up the fallow ground – your heart i.e. the thoughts, the mentality that is dry. (Hosea 10:12) See also: Psalm 51:17; Job 11:13

How to make your prayer powerful: You need to put in the work before you pray. Before you pray, you need to know what the will of God is. That God is willing to do this for me. (Psalm 34:8-10) Go to the word and find these scriptures. Put your heart in God's word by confessing it, and thinking about it, i.e., see yourself in your testimony.

One of the major hindrances to prayer is praying from a place of no confidence. (1st John 5:14). The posture of answered prayer is the posture of confidence in God's word.

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### Prayer

Father, help me to pray from a place of confidence knowing that You're willing and able to do that which you have promised. Hebrews 11:6

Daily Bible Reading: Matt. 14

My Father, My Father, I am so grateful that you hear me and you delight in granting me speedy response to my prayers according to your word. Isaiah 65:24

### Confessions

Father, I thank you because you are willing. You are able to do exceedingly, and abundantly and have made provisions for my goals. Ephesians 3:20



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# HOW TO ENJOY CONSTANT ANSWERS TO PRAYERS



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*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."*

(James 1:5 – 8)

Praying according to the Word gets the Father's attention because He only responds to the language of His Word. It is your guarantee to getting results. You can count on it! We need to grow in our understanding of the ways of God and learn to recognize the voice of God when He is speaking to us. This can be through His written Word, through His voice speaking into our spirit, or even through dreams and visions which was Daniel's experience.

Oftentimes, an unanswered prayer is not about God's unwillingness to respond, but with requests made from wrong motives or limited perspectives. When praying, let us keep three things in mind: First, we must make wise requests. When we ask according to God's will, we have confidence that He will answer our requests **(1 John 5:14-15)**.

Second, we should examine our motives. **(James 4:3)**.

Third, we should always trust God's perspective. Man sees glimpses only of the immediate future, but God can see everything at once. He's not slow about answering our petitions, because His timing is perfect **(2 Peter 3:8-9)**

Never give up on prayer, God is able to do much more than we can ever think or imagine. The secret of enjoying over 1000 days of answered prayer on the altar of PPH is because we pray with the scriptures.

## Prayer

Father, I thank you because you always hear me when I call. **(John 11 vs 42)**

Daily Bible Reading: Matt. 1

Father, I receive manifestation of all I ask for according to your word, in Jesus Name. **(Psalm 91:15)**

## Confession

I decree and declare that I am connected to Christ, because I abide in You and Your Word abides in me. **(John 15:4)**

I see manifestation of answered prayers. When I declare Your Word it goes forth and fulfils all that it is sent to do. **Hallelujah... Isaiah 55:11**



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