

GETTING ALL YOUR
PRAYERS
ANSWERED



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ABOUT THE BOOK

Christians everywhere pray were told to pray at all times. It is one of the basic principles of our faith. We are taught to pray when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient. We pray in season and out of season. A question on the mind of most people is why is it that most Christians don't get answers to their prayers?

This book answers that question. It teaches concepts such as how to pray to get results, what to do before and after praying, the concept of faith, concept of praise, concept of fasting and many others. This book takes a believer from the state of piles of unanswered prayers and walks him through the step by step process of getting answers to all your prayers.

This book is a great resource to believers everywhere who believe that God still answers prayers. It will not only help you pray better; it will also help you pray effectively and get results.



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#1

Praying for Results

Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray,
believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them

- Mark 11:24

Many pray amiss but I have resolved in my heart for many years to always get answers to all my prayers and that has been my testimony. The first thing to address is your mindset. Consider the following statements and pick A or B from each pair.

1. A. Ask and it shall be given unto you
B. God already knew all my wants and needs. I do not need to tell Him. Let Him just do everything.
2. A. If you don't ask God, He is not committed to doing it.
B. If God is good then, He should just do it without my consent.
3. A. Why worry when you can pray?
B. Why pray when you can worry?
4. A. You can change every situation
B. What will be will be
5. A. it is abnormal to be sick and whatever brings pain is not the will of God.
B. At times God uses sickness and pains to train us.

6. A. God can take away all my problems

B. If only God can just take away part of my problems.

From the pairs above, if you pick 'B' in any of the options or if your lifestyle correlates with it, you need some dose of the word of God to get a correct mindset. God is all-knowing; He knows our needs even before we ever needed them. For instance, He gives rain and sunshine even without asking, thinking or expecting it but in the context of "praying for results" when a need is identified in your life, you don't just fold your hands and expect God should do it. If you don't commit Him to it, you are likely to go on without it. Jesus tells us to SPEAK to the mountain.

"Why pray when you can worry?" Many won't want to be identified with this but that is exactly what they do. They worry, pray and complain. Don't bother blend it, you are either praying about the situation or you are worrying about it. And if your mindset is: "what will be, will be", the devil is already cheating you.

Many of us have been indoctrinated to assume that sickness is one of the tools God uses to train His children. That is not the scripture but the devil's theology. A child who hurt his finger with fire will surely learn his lessons- never to play with fire but that's surely not how a good father would want his child trained. How much more our Father who is in heaven? The Bible says cast ALL OF YOUR CARES on Him. You either give Him all or you take all. Give Him all your worries or you take all. Mark 11:24 says '...whatsoever ye desire'. Whatsoever means whatsoever and that means prayers can change all things.

#2

Praying For Results: Pre- Prayer

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray,
believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them
- Mark 11:24

Prayer is a system; there is a way to approach it. In preparation for prayer, what are the things to be done?

1. **Believe:** in the passage above, the word “believe” was repeated three times from v23-24. Before you take that ISSUE to God in prayer, do you truly BELIEVE in your heart that God would do it or do you have some reservations of doubt?
2. **Be eager:** be eager to present your case to God, because He is committed to give you an immediate answer. This eagerness will give life to your faith in Him.
3. **Be confident:** many of us approach God without confidence in our heart. We are not sure if God would answer our prayers or not particularly when the devil reminds us of some sinful acts. Mark 11:25 stresses that we are to ask ourselves some questions like have I forgiven my offenders? If not, forgive them on the spot and resolve in your heart to forget about it. Have you any other sins? Then simply mention it to God, your forgiveness is immediate.

4. **Know your prayer points:** the scripture says: “whatsoever ye desire”. You must have a desire before you go to pray but, it is amazing that many don’t have prayer points. You see people sing: “*gbo gbo ogun ni ko ba mi se*” that is, solve all my problems. What is ‘all’? Be specific.

5. **Know His Will:** many form pious by ending their prayers with “*let thy will be done*” but they just prayed amiss. Does a child go to his father and says that “pay my school fees but let thy will be done”? It is certain that God will not answer outside His will but you have His will in your hand- the scriptures! It will be foolish for the barren to say “if it is God’s will, let me be fruitful” when the Bible clearly says that there shall be no barren in the land. Get the word and remind God of His word.

I see you recording testimonies and answered prayers henceforth.

#3

Praying For Results: Peri- Prayer

But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God

- Mathew 4:4

Things to consider while praying:

1. **Be earnest or fervent:** James 5:16b says that the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. To be earnest or fervent does not mean that you should shout or sweat or engage in some prayer gymnastics. It means that you should be serious while praying. We all demonstrate various funny prayer styles. We greet our friends, travel with our minds and all sorts while praying. If you will pray at all, be earnest till you have a note of satisfaction within you. Praying a single prayer seven times has no scriptural base, I believe it's all to make people serious with the prayer.
2. **Use relevant Scriptures: faith comes by hearing the word but results come by speaking the word.** Generate God's will for your request by putting relevant and corresponding scriptures to play.
3. **Open your ears:** even if your eyes are closed, open your ears while praying. Many times I stopped my petition to hear God's voice from my spirit. We have been erroneously guided especially by Christian movies to rely solely on dreams. So many pray and go to sleep expecting a dream and most times were misled. Bear in mind that

New Testament believers are programmed to be guided mainly by the Spirit of God and dream is a rare means.

4. **Declare when you ought to:** Jesus ask that you COMMAND the mountain but, many beg God instead of commanding the situation.
5. **Rebuke when you ought to:** this is especially when a demon is involved. Note that to every crisis or sickness, the devil is how involved. Resist the devil and he shall flee.
6. **Claim when you ought to:** for instance, the Scripture repeatedly states that by his stripes, you have been healed. Do you still pray for healing? No. You claim and receive it just as you receive salvation.
7. **Take steps where necessary:** you are sick and you have claimed your healing, then, JUMP UP, ARISE from your sick bed. That is faith. Do that now. In other cases, based on the situation, God may give you ideas you need to act upon immediately.
8. **Always ask the Father in Jesus name.** Many end their prayers with “for Jesus sake we have prayed”. That’s a wrong approach. Many ask Jesus in Jesus’ name. That’s also not the formula while some ask the Father in angel’s name or through Mary. That’s all heretics. Another thing that is common among the respectful tribes like the Yorubas is ending ‘amen’ with sir. For instance, “amen sir”. That’s tradition and not the Bible.

9. **Assign angels:** where your request needs an external or spiritual influence, assign angels to do your biddings. For instance, you wrote an application for a job, angels can be assigned to ensure your employment.

I see someone basking in testimonies already.

#4

Praying For Results: Post-Prayer

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you
- 1 Peter 5:7

In this phase, we shall be looking at what to do after praying especially when the answer does not seem to be in view. This is a question in many people's mind. I believe after this encounter; the peace of God shall garrison your hearts anytime you leave the altar of prayer in Jesus name.

1. **Be expectant:** expectation is very important in prayers. Due to unanswered prayers, many of us have laid down our expectations in God's ability to answer us according to our requests. Having gained necessary understanding from this book set your heart on God and He is sure to give you answers.
2. **Remember:** have you ever prayed and asked yourself a few minutes later: what was my prayer point and you realized you have forgotten? That shows you are not expectant or fervent with your request.
3. **Never doubt:** when you have prayed and the answer does not seem to come forth, what should you do, doubt? No. Never give room for doubt.

4. **Keep rebuking:** when you are dealing with issues that involves an evil spirit, keep rebuking the spirit till you are satisfied with physical proofs. The Bible tells us to RESIST the devil and he shall flee. Resist means continually and consistently standing against an enemy. For instance, I rebuke the spirit of masturbation or madness in Jesus name.

5. **Keep proclaiming:** where it involves blessings already guaranteed in the Bible, you don't go ahead repeating your prayers. You are to proclaim the answer and keep proclaiming. For instance: I am blessed, I am fruitful.

6. **Never undo your prayers:** repeating prayers undo answers to prayers. Ask in faith not in doubt. It may not be easy at first to do without doubt but, practice faith and you will be full of faith.

I launch you to a glorious life of answered prayers in Jesus name.

#5

Concept of Fasting

But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

- Acts 27:21

Fasting among other Biblical concepts is grossly misunderstood especially those who pick out a phrase from the Bible, and make a doctrine out of it. It may surprise you to realize there is no place in the New Testament where the Lord Jesus commands Christians to fast. In essence, it is good that a Christian fast but it must be well understood and approached correctly to achieve its right results.

We shall concern ourselves in subsequent pages with this vital subject and I am rest assured that by the Spirit of God, in the light of the Scriptures, we shall understand the concept. Let's start with citing examples of fasting in both Testaments:

- A. **Old Testament:** Day of Atonement (Numbers 29:7), Moses (Exodus 24:18, 34:28) and Daniel (Daniel 10:2).
- B. **New Testament:** John the Baptist (Luke 5:33, Mathew 9:14), Jesus (Mathew 4:1), Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5, Acts 27:21&33).

Just as I said earlier, fasting should not be underplayed neither should it be exaggerated. Many have fallen victims of excessive fasting and in the process lost their lives. As you go out from today ask yourself: if I am to fast today, what will be my reason?

#6

Wrong Doctrines on Fasting

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil - Mathew 4:1

We opened the concept of fasting and we shall further look into the various wrong approaches given to fasting in our contemporary days:

1. **40 days fast:** Those that embarked on fasting for 40 days and 40 nights Moses, Elijah and our Lord Jesus Christ. Moses' 40 days could not be regarded as a fast. Moses was not in the natural realm, he was enclosed in the glory of God and that is the supernatural where time doesn't exist.

The Scripture says a thousand years is like a day before God. Even you would possibly last longer if you were in God's presence (Exodus 34:28). Elijah walked forty days without food but that was after he was fed with angel's food. If you were to eat the same nourishment, you would do the same. So, Elijah's fast was not in the natural.

Jesus Christ was led in the Spirit to the wilderness to fast. See, no man in the natural realm can do without water for forty days; you could do without food but not water. We saw our Lord Jesus being led up in the Spirit and was ministered to by angels. That also was in the supernatural. It is only a religious approach to target 40 days fast, I mean marathon (day and night). The man of God

Ayodele Babalola went on 50 days fast but history tells us he was not in the natural. Till date, the print of his body is still on the rock he laid on all through those fifty days because he didn't turn to the left or right. Can a man in the natural stay without water and remain on a particular spot for fifty days?

2. **Fast to cast out demons:** also, it is a wrong perception to associate fasting with casting out of demons. I agree that fasting can help the possessed to be more yielding to deliverance and can aid the person administering deliverance to be more alive in the spirit but prolonged fasting is not required. Missing one or two meals could do. And in reality, we don't need fasting to cast out demons at all.

Jesus did say: *"this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting..."* *Mathew 17:21* but remember Jesus had not died and resurrected at that time. What we have to cast out demons today is His name (Mark 16:17). For me, I had never fasted because of a demon and if you know the kind of demons the Scriptures refer to as *rulers of darkness*, I have encountered that kind twice and they left with the Name of Jesus in use.

3. **Luke 5:33-35:** *"and they said unto him, why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees, but thine eat and drink? And he said unto them, can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall fast in those days."*

Jesus left the disciples but for a while and He has returned to us today. Hallelujah.

4. ***Other wrong reasons for fasting:*** *hypocrisy*- fasting in order to make boasts, (Mathew 6:16), *follow-follow*- when you fast merely because another person fasted; *fasting to seek God's mercy* or forgiveness, fasting to receive salvation, fasting as a spiritual worship to God, fasting for the Holy Ghost baptism etc. The truth is you can have things mentioned here including Holy Ghost Baptism just after you finished a bowl of meal because of what Christ has done.

Note that fasting does not change or move God. God never changes and the only thing that can move God for your case is faith not necessarily fasting. I also agree that missing a meal or two can better prepare a person seeking the Holy Ghost baptism but, it still answers to faith not a fast. By His Grace, I have never fasted because of a problem and hundreds of people have been baptized under my ministration without necessarily fasting.

Have we downplayed fasting? Surely not, in the next page we shall see the right approaches to fasting.

#7

What Fasting Does

But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss

- Acts 27:21

Fasting has a lot of benefits to a believer and rarely can a growing Christian do without fasting in his Christian journey on earth. Those that eat always are likely to be very dull in the spirit.

1. ***Subjugate your flesh and awaken your spirit.*** It is no doubt that as food is to the natural body, fasting is food to your spirit. You fast to fatten your spirit. Whenever I fast or miss some meals, I sense the anointing on me even when I haven't prayed. It is not wise to be too full with food right before going to the altar to minister, not for any other reason but it makes you feel lighter in the body and the spirit moves you on. Fasting also renews your oil or anointing.
2. ***Seeking the face of God:*** from the passage, we read that the apostle abstained from food deliberately and afterwards he got a message in his spirit. So we can infer that a man could fast to wait on God in the spirit to get His words concerning an area or issue. However, this must be done with understanding and not necessarily a prolonged fasting except instructed by the Lord.

3. **Discipline:** God was speaking to me about fasting at a time and the two things he emphasized were discipline and delivering the oppressed. Discipline in the area of food is a habit Christians should practice.

4. **Setting the oppressed free:** according to Isaiah 58, God says that is the kind of fasting He has chosen. We deliver the oppressed through intercession, supplication and sacrificing monies and materials to cater for others.

5. **Retreating:** to retreat means to withdraw for a while for the sake of empowerment. It is good when people are well fed with food in an organized retreat or camping due to the activities involved but when it is a personal retreat or when it involves fewer number of people and you have the room to wait on God, fasting would be of immense additional benefit- 1 Corinthians 7:4-5.

I believe by now; we can set good reasons before we embark on a fast.

#8

Directions to Fasting

Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

- Isaiah 58:5

Here we shall examine factors that can guide us in the act of fasting.

- A. **Common Sense:** if the Spirit of God does lead you to fast, you can use your common sense and observe a fast. You should also use your discretion to know when you are to stop and the length at which you can go. That doesn't mean that you should be lazy, you can go a bit farther than you used to.
- B. **The Holy Spirit:** we should be in tune with the Spirit as He leads us through fasting. There was a time I stopped a session of fast when the Spirit ordered me to stop. I argued to continue but had to obey. My body broke down a day after I ended the fast. What if I had not stopped?
- C. **Spiritual Leaders:** many churches and ministries are getting popular with declaring certain days of fasting at the beginning of the year. Many leaders might be victims of "follow-follow" but, it is wise we submit to spiritual leadership to join a fasting commanded in our local worship centres. However, consider your ability and health.

This series will not be complete if we do not state the various forms of fast that exists: the Daniel Fast (eating a selected form of food), Marathon, dry fast (fasting until 6pm), fruit fast, white fast and so on.

There are two major categories of fast: fasted life and traditional fast:

- i. ***Fasted-life:*** this is a habit of regular fasting which is almost like fasting every day. You deliberately miss some meals (breakfast, lunch or dinner) every day or often as you deem fit to deny your body and be at alert in the spirit. As much as I recommended this for minister, it is wise to approach it gradually. Take note that there is no trophy for anyone based on how much they fast. You are not doing it to impress God or anyone so, take it gradually till your body get used to your new lifestyle.
- ii. ***Traditional fast:*** this is a scheduled fasting (weekly). It is mostly recommended and practiced.

Note: there is no law as to which and how to fast but fasting with the right understanding is paramount. Also, taking water or drinks during a fast is permitted based on several health factors except laziness. As you desire a meaningful fasting life, receive the grace in Jesus name.

#9

Praise Factor

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God,
shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear
him - Psalm 67:5-7

When we engage the force of *deliberate praise* in our prayer life and in our situations, the earth is compelled to yield unto us and God is committed to blessing us but when we do otherwise, the earth might close up against us.

I learnt the power of praise at a time when things seem to turn upside down around me. God told me that I have been faithful in every other thing including prayers but lacking in praise - deliberate praise.

When I say deliberate praise, I mean on your own you decide to sing high praises to God and dance to it. You can also play music from your device or engage thanksgiving and worship. God told me: “when you are full of praise, you will be praiseful”. He told me at another time that: “you will SEE what you SING”. That day, God explained to me that the assigned angels to me are weak because I lacked the attitude of praise.

When God corrects you or make you see your wrongs, He is not interested in your excessive pleads or excuses. All He needs is an immediate change. From that spot I declared fasting and praise. The fasting ended on the third day but the praise has not seized in my mouth and would never seize.

When I engaged in praise, the situation didn't change immediately, in fact it appeared as tougher at first but, I didn't relent. I remained praise full, full of life, full of joy, full of gladness so much that worry and anxiety had no place and I was calm. Then, ideas easily came into my mind and God worked my situation around. It is a common practice among members of our ministry to give hallowed praises to God.

May you receive the spirit of praise in Jesus Name. I see you breakthrough as you engage the force of praise in your daily walk with God. Amen.

#10

Thanksgiving and Worship Factor

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God
- Philippians 4:6

Acts 13:2 records that the Apostles ministered to the Lord. When you hear such words: it doesn't mean they were preaching or praying. Preaching is God speaking to us while praying is making our petitions known to Him but ministering here connotes giving praises to God particularly from the spirit.

While praise involves singing and victorious dancing, worship is solemn and more involving with the whole of our being. Thanksgiving is an attitude of saying thank you for God's goodness. We don't need to wait till the next Sunday before we lock ourselves up to worship God for several minutes. Thanksgiving is an attitude just as complaining and murmuring are. You just finished a meal even when you are not pleased with it, say thank you Jesus. You just got a good or bad news, say thank you Jesus. You just remember that you are unemployed or underpaid, instead of hissing, say thank you Jesus. You nearly fell off the stairs or you actually fell, say thank you Jesus. You woke from your sleep, say thank you Jesus. Your landlord is at your door asking for rent, say thank you Jesus.

There was a time I received a call that my ongoing project would attract more money due to an error, I simply said thank you Jesus instead of

being sad. I was called the following day that they got a better way to manage the error to cost much less - thank you Jesus.

You can't be thankful and not be tank-full, when you are tank-full, you will be God-full and you can't be God-full without being full of good things. *Thanksgiving is an attitude and attitude is your 'heartitude' which determines your altitude!*

#11

Giving Factor

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone

- James 2:17

You wonder what giving does to your prayer life? It goes a long way to speak concerning how your prayer is answered. Our focus passage reveals that faith without works is dead. This scripture does not mean “handiwork”; NLT says “good deeds”. Your faith, that is, the profession of your Christian faith without good deeds, charitable deeds is dead. If your faith be dead, how do you access God in the place of prayers?

Abraham received the heavenly visitors and the accompanying blessings because he was hospitable. The widow blessed by Elijah’s visit by the reason of her giving attitude. The Shunamite woman received succor to her secret tears because she opened her door to Elisha and Gehazi. Likewise, the Gentile who helped the Jews in Jesus’ days (Luke 7:2-6) and Dorcas were all rewarded.

Christians should build the virtue of charitable deeds all their lives and should not be oppressors of the poor if they want their prayers to be answered. Strategic giving is outlined for a Christian to observe: tithing, willful offering, prophet’s offerings (the gifts you offer to your spiritual leader or mentor), seed (a sacrificial giving to men of God or God’s work or to charity), alms for the poor (not only beggars). When you build your lifestyle around this and show hospitality, your riches will not only be

guaranteed, your prayers gain free access to God. You won't even need to pray on some issues.

God told me: "no one is too small to give and no one is too big to receive". Remember, the big containers received drops of oil from the little container in the case of the widow of the prophet. The result was clear; the small container was not empty while the big containers were also filled- 2Kings4:1-6.

#12

Patience Factor

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises -Hebrews 6:12

Abraham was promised a child when he was 75 years old but he had to wait till he was 99 to receive the promise. I do not mean that particular challenge or mountain before you would have to wait that long before you see physical results but the period between the time you prayed and when you see a physical result is called the “waiting period”. When you wait, you should patiently wait. Some have prolonged their waiting due to impatience while, some have opted for the devil’s option.

Patience does not mean “accepting fate” neither does it means hoping without believing. Patience means you refuse to stagger or waver on the word of the Lord. God says He had done it and that settles it. You refuse to worry, cry or suffer sleepless nights over the issue. You stay focused on your stewardship in God’s house. You never give up on your prayer life (I don’t mean you should keep repeating the prayer points). Rather, you continually give thanks for answered prayers.

You keep declaring and proclaiming your answers. You keep rebuking the devil or demons that might be involved. Before you know it, as you wait steadfastly (not lazily), your light will break forth like the dawn of the morning after a long night.

#13

Faith Factor

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises - Hebrews 6:12

Let's break the subject of faith down a bit because it's quite complex. We have different kinds of faith. I will give you the simple classification. I urge you to get my book titled *Roaring faith* to learn more.

1. **The saving faith:** you are saved by faith through grace. This is the faith you have in Jesus to accept Him as your Lord. A man you never saw yet, you believed.
2. **The believer's faith:** this is what your saving faith grows into as you remain a believer in the Christian faith. This was what Jesus was referring to when He asked if He will find faith on earth at his return.
3. **The receiving faith:** faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). This is the faith you employ to receive your blessings and get answers to your prayers. This is the faith mostly discussed in Christendom.
4. Others are: fruit of faith (faithfulness) and gift of faith.

The scripture says anything that is not of faith is sin. Without faith, it is impossible to please God! When you approach God in prayer, be resolute

in your heart that He is able to do it. When you pray to Him, believe He has done it! Faith doesn't work by sight or feeling, it works by believing.

#14

Faith Factor II

Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth - Mark 9:23

I am going to tell you the simple way to believe God and get results to your prayers. Let me point out that no man can really teach the subject of faith without having practiced it himself. It is not theoretical. Don't forget faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the word of God. So, to your particular request, get applicable scriptures to convince God and yourself. Say your prayers in the right way: command, proclaim and rebuke the devil where applicable.

There could be a struggle in your heart as you pray: "can God really answer this prayer?" Don't let that thought survive, rebuke it immediately in Jesus name. It will be good you rebuke it aloud not within. After you rise from your prayer, your mind might go to the request again or you still see the problem intact as if nothing had taken place, ***I tell you faith is not seeing but believing.*** You keep your heart off the feelings and believe God.

There is a need to consciously train your mind at the three levels: unconscious, sub-conscious and the conscious. And the word of God is the tool: *be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2)*. Get at least a scripture to your prayer points and always meditate on the scriptures you have to back-up your prayers.

Lastly, keep confessing, declaring and announcing that your prayer is answered. For instance, someone asks if your children will come for the next year Children's day programme. Give an affirmative YES! Even when you are childless in the natural, I tell you, it could be somehow hard for a beginner in the school of faith but, that's the solution. To God all things are possible but not only to God; all things are possible to them who believe- ONLY believe and say what you believe!

#15

The Communication Art

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia,
and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia
- Acts 16:6

You must have heard people say prayer is not just making a request or a monologue, it is a dialogue attitude between God and man. The nucleus is the 'attitude'. That is, attitude at which you approach God. You can't go to request something from your mum and turn back after stating your demands. That is a wrong attitude. Jesus starts the Lord's Prayer with "our Father". What that implies is that God should be approached as a Father.

To develop the communication art, you have to develop your communion with the Holy Spirit. Being used to the Spirit's voice gives you the ability to recognize God's voice at all times. This is not difficult to develop. Get the recorded word which is the scriptures. As you read it daily, take time to meditate and listen to the inner voice of your heart. That is the Spirit's voice, as you grow in this you become acquainted with his voice.

In the place of prayer; be it prayer of request or intercession, do not leave until you have heard from Him. Let him give you a word. At times it could be a sense of satisfaction within you.

I was praying one day; I needed some amount to complete a project. I was using the praise factor. A few minutes into the praises, the Holy Spirit stopped me and told me how to get the money. I was actually

thinking the money would jump on my lap or someone somewhere will come with a cheque or something. I followed the instruction, in two weeks I had the exact I amount needed. What if I didn't listen to Him?

Dialogue is a vital aspect of your prayer.

#16

Positive Prayers

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

This is a prayer concept God taught me some years ago. I have practiced it for years before I finally taught it publicly. If you will pattern your prayer life this way, you will enjoy a better communion in prayer.

There is negative prayer and there is positive prayer. What I call negative prayer is not bad in itself but, positive prayer is a higher and better way to pray. Let's check these two examples of prayers:

- A. I will not fail
- B. I will succeed

Both words are prayers but one is better than the other. The negative prayer is induced by fears but the positive prayer generates boldness and calmness.

Why pray the negative way when you can make positive prayers.

Watch it, any prayer that carries the word “not” is an example of negative prayers. Try to build your prayer culture around the positive eliminating the use of the word “not”.

I have not condemned believers who make negative prayers as I called it neither did I say God won't answer such prayers but I have only shown you a better way to pray. God requires that we grow up. The refusal of growth in our prayer life is the reason for many unanswered prayers. But when you approach God based on His own terms especially in the way it is explained across the pages of this book, you will testify of a glorious prayer life as many people already do.

The first time the Spirit of God told me to teach the concept of positive prayers, I had to search through the New Testament especially the epistles and specifically Paul's letters. I examined all the prayers made and I realized none was made in the negative way. It was all positive prayers.

An example is:

1 Timothy 2:2: ... that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty

The Apostle didn't say that we may not lead a troublesome and destructive life; he didn't say that we may not live in danger but, he said that we may lead a peaceable life. The word "not" is a negative word and it should be removed from your prayer statement as much as possible. That way, we can experience a glorious prayer life.

#17

Prayer for Holy Ghost Baptism

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4

The Holy Ghost Baptism is the promise of power upon all believers. It is true that the Holy Spirit comes to live in all believers at the point they give their lives to Christ but, the baptism of the Holy Ghost comes as a separate experience aside salvation. In other words, after salvation comes the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in new tongues.

If you desire this baptism of power, you should take note of the following steps:

1. Salvation is the first thing. If you are yet to give your life to Christ say this prayer: Lord Jesus, I accept you as my Lord and Savior. I believe in your death and resurrection on the cross and I welcome you into my life from today in Jesus Name. Amen.
2. Believe that Holy Ghost baptism comes with the evidence of speaking in new tongues as in the passage above.

3. Desire it. There is no reason why God will not give you the gift of the Holy Spirit. If you think any sin can hinder you, confess it now and receive forgiveness.
4. As I pray for you, the Spirit of God will come upon you. You may have some strange sensation like warmness or cool breeze on your body and you may not have any of these feelings. Don't worry.
5. As I pray with you, you will feel some words drop into your mind as tongues. It won't come in any language you are familiar with but, as it comes, start speaking it out loud.
6. You may begin to feel odd speaking those words or doubt that you are copying someone or making it up yourself but, it is actually not so. Just speak those words out in faith.
7. It could be few words and it may appear heavy on your lips, just continue speaking it.
8. Make a practice of speaking in tongues and you will see a transformation in your spiritual life.
9. I pray for you at this moment, receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues in Jesus Name!
10. You can read the steps all over and follow it carefully. You can start by singing worship, as soon as you feel the tongues on your mind, start speaking it out aloud.

Note: the tongues will come to your mind but it's your duty to speak it out and keep repeating it as it grows more in you.

Give Praise to God.

END NOTE

I'm so glad that you made it to this page. I am certain that you've learnt invaluable lessons on how to pray to get results. You now know how to go about your prayers without fear of not getting answers. I implore you to put all you have read to use. Restructure your prayer life and start practicing how to pray as you have learnt in this book.

I urge you to get my other books on prayer especially *Prayer that Works*. You will be glad you do.

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Receiving Salvation

You were born a sinner condemned to hell but Jesus Christ died for your sins, gave you power to sin no more and to enjoy life here on earth and hereafter. All you need to do is to believe and accept His works by declaring Him as your LORD and Saviour. Do you believe this? Say: Lord Jesus Christ, I accept that you died and resurrected for the remission of my sins, I declare you as my LORD and Saviour. Amen.

Steps to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

1. You are not to ask or beg God for it, just expect it.
2. Believe He has given you and you will manifest it.
3. Don't hate tongues. That some people misuse it doesn't mean it has lost its power.
4. Don't pretend not to need it. Holy Ghost baptism is not just about tongues, it is about empowerment but tongues is the initial sign that you are baptized.
5. Clear your minds of doubts. God will give you but if you think that any sin can hinder you, ask for forgiveness now and now. (Isa 1:18 *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool*). And forgive everyone in your heart.
6. As I pray for you, you will be baptized and you will speak in new tongues.

7. As I pray for you, the Holy Spirit will give you utterances and you will speak it out. Note that utterance means any sound produced with the mouth. That means the utterance could be one syllable or two. It could be one word or more. Understand that you are the one that will pronounce the utterance in anyway it comes to your mind as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance.
8. When I pray for you, the utterance would come. Don't think you are the one thinking it, it is not you. Don't think you will be unconscious or lost, it is not so. Don't be bothered if you don't know the meaning just speak it. And keep repeating whatever comes to your mind.
9. Daddy thank you because you are a faithful God, you always hear me and you are eager to give us more than we are eager to ask. I pray for you: receive the Holy Spirit right now in Jesus Name.
10. Open your mouth and began to speak those tongues.

Steps to Receive Healing

1. **1Peter 2:24 says:** *He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. **By His wounds you have been healed.***
2. You have been healed. You have been healed even before you had that illness, what I'm about to do by praying with you is to proclaim your healing.
3. As I do that, the pains and symptoms will be no more.
4. After I pray for you move that part of your body just as though it was healed already because it is an instant healing.

5. I proclaim you healed and whole right now in Jesus Name. The last time you had that illness is the last you will ever have in Jesus Name.
6. Check it out and share your testimonies.

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