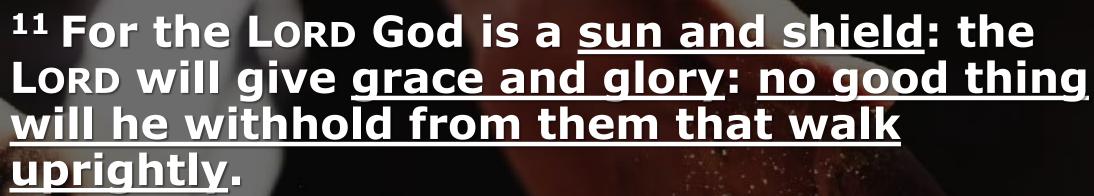


- I COULD ASK A THOUSAND BELIEVERS THAT QUESTION, AND MOST OF THEM WOULD JUST SHAKE THEIR HEADS IN BEWILDERMENT.
 - "I DON'T KNOW, BROTHER RON," THEY'D SAY.
 "NO MATTER WHAT I DO THIS ILLNESS, THESE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, THESE AWFUL CIRCUMSTANCES KEEP DRAGGING ME DOWN.

I'M JUST WAITING ON GOD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."





• As Hebrews 11 says, 'Faith is the Substance of things hoped for, the Evidence of things not seen. Through Faith...the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which Do appear" (verses 1, 3). I can pretty much guarantee you, Before you even get finished quoting Those verses, the devil will have Heard enough.

James 4 says: "2You do not have, because you do not ask. 3And when you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may squander it on your pleasures."

In other words, if your needs just keep on not being taken care of, it's either because you're not praying at all, or because you think you're praying and you're not!

In Luke 18:1, the Bible says, "[Jesus] spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." A version that really speaks my language puts it this way, "Men ought to always pray and not cave in and give up.

Pray Accurately!

Did you notice what I just said? I said, "Pray accurately."

You can't just toss any old prayer God's way and expect Him to answer it.

You must pray according to the guidelines He's given you in His WORD.

Am I saying that if you pray and pray accurately, you can expect to receive what you ask for every single time?

Yes!

Isn't that a little presumptuous?
No, but it is bold! And you have got a scriptural right to be bold.

Hebrews 4:16 King James Version (KJV)

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

That word "obtain" is a word of certainty.

The dictionary says it means "to get possession of." Pray, expecting to get possession of what you need—not just once in a while, but every time!

Hebrews 10:34-39 The Message (MSG)

32-39 Remember those early days after you first saw the light? Those were the hard times! Kicked around in public, targets of every kind of abuse—some days it was you, other days your friends. If some friends went to prison, you stuck by them. If some enemies broke in and seized your goods, you let them go with a smile, knowing they couldn't touch your real treasure.

Hebrews 10:34-39 The Message (MSG)

Nothing they did bothered you, nothing set you back. So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion.

Hebrews 10:34-39 The Message (MSG)

It won't be long now, he's on the way; he'll show up most any minute.
But anyone who is right with me thrives on loyal trust; if he cuts and runs, I won't be very happy.

But we're not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We'll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way.

Well, let me tell you something. You DO know what God's going to do when you go to Him in accurate, WORD-of-God, Spirit-inspired prayer. He's going to answer you! He's going to do exactly what you've asked Him to do. How can I be so sure? He's given us three guarantees!

Matthew 7:8-11 English Standard Version (ESV)

8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Name of Jesus
In John 16:23, Jesus said, "Verily,
verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye
shall ask the Father in my name, he will
give it you."

Philippians 2:9-11, you'll see why. There, the Apostle Paul tells us, "God also hath highly exalted [Jesus], and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The WORD of God In John 15:7, Jesus gives us another guarantee. He says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

So many believers wring their hands and worry about whether they're praying according to God's will.

"Oh, dear me," they say, "I certainly can't expect God to-do something for me that's outside His will." And they're absolutely right. But they don't need to waste time standing around looking puzzled!

They need to grab their Bibles and find out what the will of God is! God's WORD IS His will. God has made us some very specific promises in His WORD. And it's His will to fulfill every one of them in your life.

Let me explain why that 's so important. In Matthew 4:4, Jesus says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The WORD of God is to your spirit what bread is to the body. Canyou feed on the memory of a steak?

The Holy Spirit

The effectiveness of your prayer life depends on the degree of confidence you place in the Holy Spirit.

He is God's power arm. He's the One who's going to guarantee that the work gets done.

Genesis 1. Read verses 1-3: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

The Holy Spirit was present, moving on the face of the waters before Creation. But the simple fact of His presence didn't accomplish anything. It was when God spoke and said, "Let there be light!" that the Holy Spirit exploded into action.

The more faith you have in Him, the more confidence you place in Him, the more awesome the results will be. Just think about that! The power that created the universe, the power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, is activated in your life when you speak The WORD of God in prayer.

I urge you from this day forward to make prayer the bedrock of your life.

Build your marriage, your career and your ministry on it.

If you don't, you'll be ensuring your own failure.

If you do, God will guarantee your success!

Hre all your needs met Today? [If not, why not?