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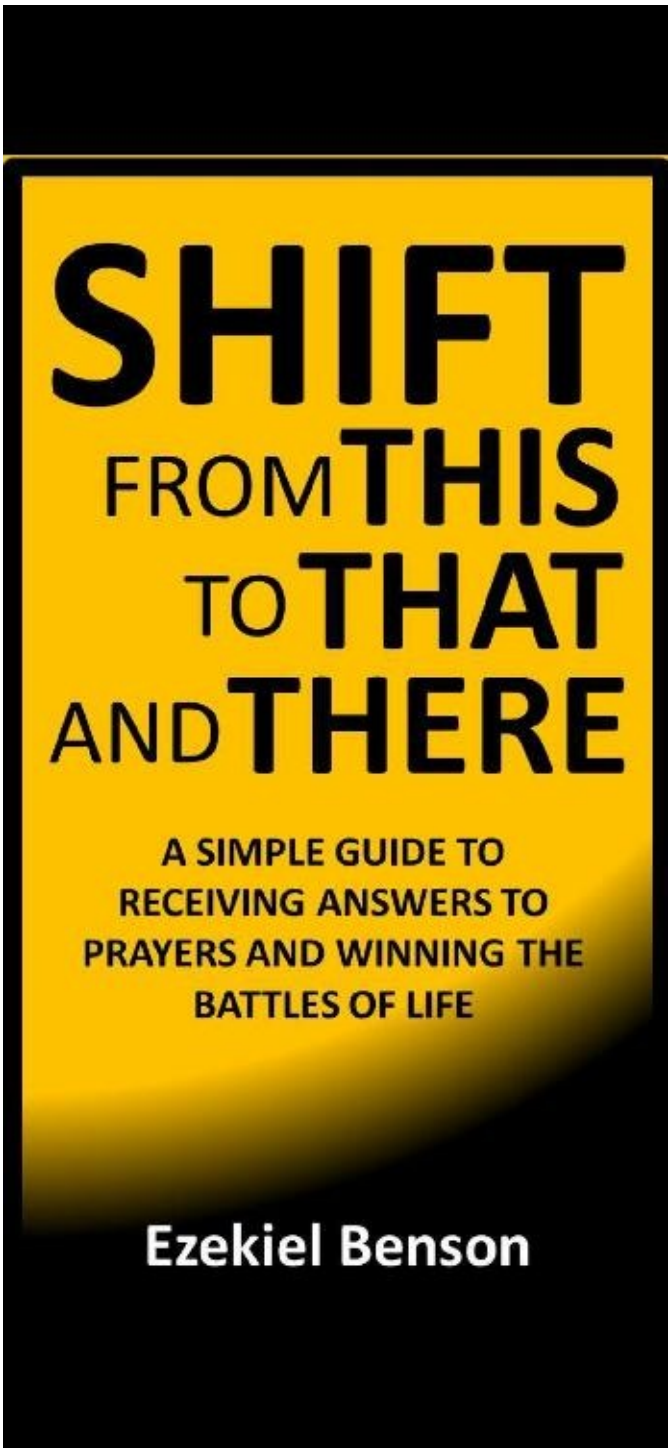
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PRAYER AND LIFE SHIFTS PRINCIPLES

Success in life is about shifts and by shifts I mean moving from one point to the other until you get to your desired place of success. The production of any item is also about constant shifts until they get to where they are called "finished goods. At this stage we say the product has reached its final stage – it has now become a production success.

Prayer is also about shifts – there is no stagnancy in prayer. To achieve success, prosper, get answers to your prayers and win life's battles, you need to make prayer shifts.

Prayer shifts are spiritual processes one has to go through before seeing results and success. It is like a **Prayer Production Factory**. The finished product is "***Answers to Prayers***". But before you get to this stage, you need to go through some shifts – some processes which involves applying and adhering to some basic principles.

The reason why many fail to see results in prayers is because they only apply one or two principles of prayers and expect to get results. Some only apply the starting principle and leave everything else to chance. Answers won't come that way.

Churches and homes are filled with people with unanswered prayers. They have been praying for the same thing for years – over and over again and still have no answer.

WHY?

They have not made the required prayer shifts!

To fully understand Prayer Shifts, let us consider the daily use products that we see in shopping malls, etc. Every product has its own specific production process. The production processes of bread are not the same as the production process of cake.

Production involves shifts – you take the raw material and shift it to the production room. From the production room, you pass the raw materials through some production processes – shift it from one phase to the other. You continue this way until the end product – the finished product emerges.

Every production has phases – you have to follow these phases – moving ***(SHIFTING)*** the raw materials from one phase to the other until you get the desired results. The same applies to every need or problem of man.

The prayer processes you would engage in before you would see results about a particular need would be different from another need.

Every need has its own prayer process, and until you engage in the right prayer process,

making the necessary and required prayer shifts, you cannot see the answer.

Sadly, many people don't know what the basic prayer shifts are and they end up being frustrated and discouraged when the answer doesn't come.

This book therefore was written to provide the reader insights into the prayer shifts that ought to be made or engaged in so as to see the desired results.

So lest dig further into what it means to **SHIFT FROM THIS TO THAT AND OTHER** in prayer to get answers to prayer and win life's battles.

SHIFT #1:

YOUR SHIFT STARTS HERE

KNOW AND DEFINE YOUR PROBLEM

TAKING FOREVER IN COMING?

Let's be frank with ourselves here.... There is no one who does not have a need that looks as though it is taking forever in coming. I know I do and you do too. Some call it long standing problems or challenges. But many people have misconceptions about what ***LONG STANDING PROBLEMS*** really is.

So the question is **"What qualifies as a long standing issue?"**

These are life's problems that solutions to them didn't come at the expected time. With this definition, people may class a problem as long standing differently. A problem that is one month old could be classed as long standing by one, while another could class a problem that is a year old as long standing. There are others who class a problem as long standing from the time they were born, got married, graduated from school, etc. It all depends on the gravity and importance of that issue to you.

For instance, a couple who expected to have a child in formation in the wife's womb immediately after marriage and couldn't, may class their issue as long standing even after 2 months of marriage. The way people class long standing problems differ.

So long standing problems are generally considered as: **Solutions to issues that didn't come AT THE EXPECTED TIME**. Even though you claim you have faith, you could still be experiencing long standing issues that you are expecting God to fix for you.

The woman with the issue of blood had a long standing problem. She expected to be healed by the doctors she met but was nothing bettered. But when Jesus came, she got her solution! The lame man - a beggar - at the gate beautiful was crippled from birth. His parents must have tried all remedies but failed. He grew up into a man like this - a confirmed crippled. ***"Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.***

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." -Acts 3:3-8 KJV

The Name of Jesus is the ONLY Solution to long standing problems!

So the first Prayer Shift in getting your problem solved through prayer is to know and de-

finc your problcm and dcfinc what solutions you desire to see.

The woman with the issue of blood had one desire – to be healed. You need to know and define what you desire as an answer to the problem at hand.

What is that long standing problem you have? Is it sickness? No child after marriage after repeated trials? No job after many months or years after graduation? You have been at one point - not making a headway for a long time? Finances seem to have dried up and it is taking forever to bounce back? Getting older and no one has looked your way or popped the question "Will you marry me?". Or you have a business that has gone under and it is taking forever to bounce back?

You need to know and define what the problem is and what you desire God to do for you.

No matter what the long standing problem may be, The Name of Jesus has being tested, tried and proven in all these cases and more and it produced results always!

Once you know and define what the problem is and what your desired solution is, it is then time to make the next prayer shift!

SHIFT #2:

THE RAW MATERIAL SECTION

THE WORD OF GOD

THE RIGHT "RAW WORD" MATERIAL

"Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it." - Jeremiah 1:12 Amp

When many seek God for a solution to their problems, they somehow are looking for something spectacular or dramatic to happen to them! Some wait to see if they will fall under the anointing. Some expect to see clouds hovering over them, while some may want heavy hands laid on them by a man of God praying with a loud and thunderous voice and "*sweating blood*".

Answers to prayers are not in any of these things. A person may fall repeatedly under the power of God and not still get any answer to his or her prayer. The answer is not in any cloud, neither is it in the loud and thunderous voice of a pastor or evangelist.

Ask Prophet Elijah, God is not usually in an earthquake, thunder and lightning or noise. In other words, God does not need these things to do what He wants to do. God is a God of Words and He expects you to believe more in His Words. For by His Words, the heavens and the earth were made!

Maybe you have been looking for the spectacular to happen while seeking God for a solution, but hear this; God wants you to shift your attention to his words. That is where the Miracle is. He is alert and active, watching over His Word to perform it.

The second required shift is to get scriptures and/or promises of God that addresses your needs or problems.

The scriptures – the Word of God, are the ***"Raw Materials"*** needed in your prayer production process of an answer or solution to your problems.

After knowing and defining what your problem is, go ahead to get scriptures or promises from the Word of God that addresses and covers it.

God cannot anything outside His Word. God only acts on His Word; He only performs according to His Word (Jeremiah 1:12). That is the sole reason why you have to make that shift to the Word of God. In every situation or problem you face, get God's Word about it. From this stage, you then make the next shift. More on this in the next chapter.

SHIFT #3:

ASK GOD – THE RIGHT WAY

HOW TO ASK ANYTHING FROM GOD THE RIGHT WAY

HOW TO ASK ANYTHING FROM GOD INCLUDING PROSPERITY

One of the greatest desires of man is to be able to change negative or contrary circumstances into good and positive ones. The poor want to be rich; the sick want to be healthy; the unemployed want to have a well-paying job or business; those with terminal illnesses who have been given up to die want to miraculously recover and live; those with trouble in their marriage want restoration, peace and love to reign; the man who just lost his job wants to get a better one immediately; the couple yet to have the blessing of the fruit of the womb want God's divine intervention; a man living on the streets with no roof over his head wants the blessing of accommodation; the man with the law suit wants to be discharged and acquitted. The list goes on.

There is no person on earth that does not want to change a particular or several situations and circumstances in his or her life.

Is it your destiny to suffer and live in with problems all the days of your life?

Who is to blame?

The sad thing is that a very high percentage of people have resorted to what they call 'fate' or 'my destiny', and because they have tried to change their situation and failed several times they resort to saying that the condition of life they have found themselves in is their destiny or fate in life.

Well I have good news for you:

> *"You can change all the negative situations in your life by the instrument of* ***Word-of-God-based prayers*** *via the principle of* ***ASKING GOD!****".*

No matter how deep a man is in poverty, sickness, stagnancy, failure, and depravity, he can come out of it today by properly applying the instrument of the **Word-of-God-based prayers!**.

Without basing your prayers on the Word of God, you may continue in that problem for a very long time; if care is not taken, throughout your life time. This is the reason why the second shift (***SHIFT #2***) in this book talks about getting scriptures – the Word of God that deals with, addresses and covers your needs or problems.

First and foremost, you have to understand and believe that it is the will of God that we prosper, well and fulfilled in life (3 John 2). But when a person finds him or herself in a state of **"TIGHTNESS"**, the right person has to be contacted and that person is God.

Secondly, the right approach is supposed to be taken to get the blessings. The right approach is through the Word of God.

God would not do anything outside His Word. Praying with scriptures is the key to having a very strong case to make before God. It guarantees that you get answers to your prayers. It also guarantees that the supernatural is made manifest in your life and ministry.

In the next section of this shift, I shall teach you from the Word of God how to ask God for anything the right way.

GOD'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PRAYER: HOW TO ASK GOD FOR ANYTHING THE RIGHT WAY

In the book of ***Isaiah Chapter 43***, God gave us a blue print of how to pray effectively and get results.

> **"Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." – Isaiah 43:26**

From the verse of scripture above, God asked us to ***"Put Him in remembrance".***

In remembrance of what?

"His Word!"

What this means is that we are expected to get verses of scriptures that deals with a need or a situation and present them to God to argue our case and have our request granted.

God went further to say, ***"Let us plead together".*** That implies the presentation and argument of your case with strong reasons. Your strong reasons are the verses of scripture that concerns your needs.

God finalized His instructions by saying ***"Declare thou, that thou mayest be justified".*** This

simply means we are to use the verses of scripture we have presented to make our request known to Him.

"That thou mayest be justified", means that by presenting verses of scripture to God and using them to make our request known unto Him, puts us in a right position to receive answers to our prayers.

In **Isaiah 41:21**, God instructed us again saying:

> **"Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob." - Isaiah 41:21**

"Produce your cause" simply means to bring our request and desires to Him.

"Bring forth your strong reasons" means in presenting our needs and desires; we should produce strong reason why He should grant them.

The Word of God is the **ONLY** strong reason God would give attention to.

Strong reasons are:

- **Promises of God to do a thing**
- **Instances in the bible where God did something for someone similar to what you desire**
- **Provisions of God made for you to achieve something (life, work, or ministry)**

- **What God said you are and should become**

When we bring forth and present our strong reasons, this puts us in a right position to receive answers to our prayers.

In the next section I will show you from the scriptures why God would answer prayers based on His Word.

WHY WOULD GOD ANSWER PRAYERS BASED ON HIS WORD?

The answer to this question is found in the first chapter of the book of Jeremiah. The Bible validates the faithfulness and truthfulness of God in:

> **Jeremiah 1:12:**
> **"I will hasten (supervise, watch-over, protect, look after) My Word to perform it"**

1.
GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD TO PERFORM IT

God would answer our Word of God based prayers because He watches over His Word to perform or demonstrate it.

2.
GOD HAS PLACED THE UTMOST AND GREATEST VALUE ON HIS WORD

Another reason why God would give attention to and answer Word of God based prayers is because God has placed the greatest and utmost value on His Word. The bible confirms this by declaring thus:

> **"Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." – Psalms 138:2**

Jesus also confirmed this by saying:

> **"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" - Matthew 24:35**

The Bible also declares:

> **"There has not failed one Word of all His good promise....." - 1 Kings 8:56**

No word spoken by God has ever failed. God daily – moment by moment, watches over His Word to perform it. So when you pray Word of God based prayers, you are guaranteed that you will have whatsoever you desire.

John the Apostle confirmed this also when He said:

> **"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." - 1 John 5:14-15**

Asking anything according to the will of God means to pray in line with the Word of God. Using the promises or the Word of God to pray gives us confidence that what we asked for would be granted. This is how we become effective in prayer and in ministry.

THE LAW COURT EXAMPLE

When an attorney goes to court on behalf of his client, he does not just stand before the judge and say "My Lord, I demand that you give judgment in favour of my client" No judge would respond to that. The attorney would have to produce evidences, witnesses, or reference to results of similar cases that was settled in court. The final judgment given by the judge would be based on the weight, relevance and validity of those evidences, testimonies of witnesses and similar case references sighted and used by the attorney to prove his case.

The above law court scenario is similar to praying with scriptures. God is the Judge; you are the attorney; and the Word God - with references to his promises, similar cases to yours in the bible and other Holy Spirit interpretation of the meaning of scripture make up the evidences, testimonies of witnesses and similar case references like what is obtainable in a law court today.

Taking all of these and presenting them before God is the art of praying with scriptures.

In the next section, I will show you what praying with scriptures is not; this will clear the air about any misconceptions of this spiritual principle of prayer.

PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES IS NOT THE SAME AS VAIN REPETITION

In the court of law, the attorney stands before the judge on behalf of his client just for **ONE THING!**

"For the judge to pass judgment in favour of his client."

He uses several words, similar case references, testimonials of witnesses to ask and demand for just this **ONE THING: *"PASS THE JUDGEMENT IN THE FAVOUR OF MY CLIENT!"***

The attorney keeps at this – he repeats this process using different approach until he exhausts everything he has. This is what how praying with scriptures is all about.

Praying with the scripture like in the example above is not what Jesus described as vain repetition in **Matthew 6:7**.

The reason is this:

In the art of Scripture Prayer or Praying With Scriptures, the prayer point maybe the same, but they make references to different scriptural verses. It's like in a law court where an attorney uses several instances of the outcome of previous and similar law suits to

present his case so that the Judge will rule in favour of his client.

Attorneys also make references to the constitution in order to prove that their case is worthy of merit and that the sitting judge should rule in their favour.

The Word of God we make reference to is our Kingdom Constitution. When we make reference to several scriptural verses and use each reference to ask God to do a thing, we amass enough spiritual energy to deliver the answer.

As a testimony, when I pray; I can make demand for one thing using several scriptural verses that covers it and this always gets me results. This is persistence in prayer.

POWER OF PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Abraham's prayer to the Lord to save Lot and His family from the destruction coming upon Sodom is a perfect example of persistence prayer (Genesis 18:17 33).

Abraham made his request known unto God by making references to specific numbers. He made reference to 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10 righteous people in Sodom. He was trying to get God to spare Lot and his family. Those number references are a type of scripture verses that we use in prayer.

When we make references to scriptural verses of the bible and use them to ask God

to do a thing, we would get answers to our prayers just as Abraham did.

Another classic example is found in the book of ***Luke 18:1-8 - New International Version (NIV)***. It's about the persistent widow.

The Parable Of The Persistent Widow

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that

they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

The bible declares that the widow **"Kept coming with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary'"**. She wouldn't give up. She kept on coming at the Judge with the same request, until the Judge ruled in her favour.

The Principle Of Persistence In Prayer

- **Prayer should be made with patience and perseverance** - *Psalms 40:1; Psalms 88:1 (See also 1Chronicles 16:11; Psalms 116:2)*

- **Jesus Christ taught his disciples to persist in prayer** - *Luke 18:1-8 (See also Luke 11:5-10)*

- **Persistence in prayer was exemplified in the early church** - *Acts 1:14 (See also Ac 2:42)*

- **Paul exhorted the churches to practice persistent prayer** - *Ephesians 6:18 (See also Ro 12:12; 1Thessalonians 5:17)*

Examples of persistence in prayer

- **Abraham pleads persistently for Sodom** - *Genesis 18:23-33*

- **Jacob persists in wrestling with God** - *Genesis 32:24-32*

- **Moses persists in interceding for Israel** - *Deuteronomy 9:25-29 (See also Exodus 32:31-32)*

- **Hannah persistently asks for a son** - *1Saiah 1:10-11*

- **Elijah persists in prayer about the rain** - *James 5:17-18 (See also 1 Kings 18:36-44)*

- **The psalmists persist in calling out to God** - *Psalm 88:1-18; Psalms 119:147-149; Psalms 130:1-6*

- **Jesus Christ persisted in pursuing the Father's will** - *Luke 22:42-44, Matthew 26:36-43, Mark 14:32-40*

I have written this book to help you get on with using the Word of God to get the blessings of the Lord in any area of your life.

Praying with the Word of God helps in opening up and maintaining spiritual channels to receive God's blessings unhindered.

The supernatural power of God and the anointing are available for you to get answers to your prayers. See this exercise of always praying with the Word of God as a means of advancing and attaining new heights in your life with guaranteed victory and success. All that is required is faith, time and commitment.

I believe that God will do great and mighty things in your life by praying based on the Word of God.

I trust that praying based on the Word of God will enhance your spiritual growth and development, and position you for resounding success ***AND ANSWERS TO PRAYERS.***

Praying based on the Word of God will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful, and rewarding experience with God's power everyday.

I invite you to enjoy God's glorious presence, love, power and blessings, as you pray and make your request known unto God, using diversity of scriptures that covers your needs in believing faith.

An amazing life of blessings and victory will be your portion!

MAKING POWER AVAILABLE FOR ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

There is another dimension to praying and asking effectively in prayer. Having all the scriptures in the world about your need should not be the end of it all.

Praying and asking for anything from God should be earnest and heartfelt.

Apostle James speaks thus about praying heartfelt and earnest prayers saying:

> **"The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." - James 5:16 Amp**

The scripture above is so rich and reveals to us the way to make tremendous power that is dynamic in its working available.

Now observe the words which describe how to make tremendous power available to you.

The first is ***Prayer*** - This is the foundation of it all. The first step to making power available is by prayer. But prayer has to do done or offered in some certain ways for it to make tremendous power available to you. So just praying is not where it ends. There is a way to pray and a way not to pray. Many folks

pray and yet have no power made available to them to change circumstance.

In churches we see men and women cry, scream on top of their voices - raging and binding devils and still no power is made available to change anything. Why is this so?

From the scriptures above, we see that the way to making tremendous power available is that prayer ought to be ***"earnest and heart-felt"***. This is key!

The scriptures didn't say ***"loud and raging"***, ***"forceful and screaming"*** or ***"shouting and wailing"***, It says ***"earnest and heartfelf"***

Notice again, it did not say ***"headfelt or mind felt"***, but heartfelt. So what does this mean for prayer to be earnest and heartfelt?. It means you can pray heartfelt prayers without all the rigorous displays we see today that some folks call prayer. This was the case of Hannah, she was not shouting, but her prayers was heartfelt and it made tremendous power available to her to give her a child

Earnest-heartfelt prayers involves your heart. Your heart gives full attention to the definite request. Nothing else occupies your heart at the moment of prayer. You are so invested in it that you are unaware of anything around you. This is prayer where you express how you feel, the pain you feel and the timeliness of the answer. Every fiber of your being is involved and you continue pressing and pressing with the scriptures you have that covers and addresses your needs until you

have a heartfelt assurance that God has answered you.

Now, notice from the that scripture (James 5:16) the words " ***heartfelt continued***" was also used. The key word here is ***continued***. That's the second key! Here you don't erroneously faith anything like some folks do. You keep on praying and continue praying until assurance of an answer that births real faith is given.

The assurance of an answer might not come in one day. If that is the case, you continue the next day.... and the day after next until God gives you an assurance of the answer.

This ***continued earnest heartfelt*** prayer process is where many of us miss it. We pray head or mind felt prayers once and assume God has answered. Your prayers ought to be ***heartfelt, earnest and continuous*** until God gives you an assurance of the answer. This is how tremendous power is released and made available to you to deliver the answer into your hands!

When you are lost for words to express yourself, you switch to praying in other tongues, but your heart should still be involved *(More on praying in other tongues in the book)*.

When you switch to praying in other tongues as the Spirit of God gives you utterance, your heart should still be focused and filled with the subject of prayer. This is where I engage God in what I call ***"conversational tongues"***, by this I mean, I converse with God

about the subject of prayer in my heart while I pray in other tongues. Though, the bible says when we pray in tongues, our understanding is unfruitful, but I chose not to be that way or allow my mind to wonder away from the subject of prayer. To achieve this, I bring my mind and heart under subjection and direct my thoughts to converse with God about the matter in my mind while I pray in other tongues. When I have a lot on my mind that has to do with the need at hand, I just create a subject or need title and hold it up in my mind while I pray in other tongues.

For instance, If I have a financial need to raise some amount of money for a building, my subject or need title could be something like **Money for Building**. I hold those words up in my mind and pray earnestly in tongues about it in other tongues.

This takes discipline, but it can be done and I have had power made available to me to achieve certain subjects of prayer this way.

SHIFT #4:

HOW TO DESTROY HINDRANCES TO ANSWERED PRAYERS

THE WAR ROOM

NO DEVIL CAN HINDER PRAYERS; IF THAT IS TRUE "WHAT DOES HE HINDER?"

THE POWER OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Many of us pray for diver's kinds of things, we keep on waiting for the answer and it almost feels as though it is taking "forever" for the answer in coming.

The questions in the mind of many are:

- **Why don't we get the needed answers to prayers?**
- **Why are there delays in answers to prayers?**
- **And how can we get answers to our prayers the way it ought to be?**

NO DEVIL CAN HINDER PRAYERS

I have often heard people pray something like **"I destroy the spirit of hindrance assigned to hinder my prayers"**, or ***"I bind the devil sent to hinder my prayers".*** These forms of prayers imply that there are devils assigned to hinder prayers from getting to God. There is no place in the scriptures where we

are told that devils hinder prayers. To understand this fully, we need to first understand the meaning of prayer.

In a very simple term, prayer is a way of communicating our desires to God. When we pray, we talk to God; we speak and make expressions of our desires to God. Now, the question is: **"Can what we say to God be hindered by a devil from reaching God?"**

The answer is **"NO!"** The only thing that can hinder what we express or say in getting to God is sin. The Bible says in **Isaiah 59:2:**

> **"Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."**

The only thing recorded in the bible that can hinder our communications or the expressions of our desires to God is sin, and not devils. So it is really sin that hinders our prayers from getting to God and not a devil.

WRONG ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT PRAYER HINDRANCES

This assumption that prayers can be hindered from getting to God is wrongly taken from the tenth chapter of Daniel. We need to correct this wrong assumption in order

to get prayer right and get answers to our prayers the way it ought to be.

In the tenth chapter of Daniel, we see Daniel making a request of God – an expression of his desires via prayers. In order words, he told God some certain things he would want him to do for him. This is prayer.

Daniel we are told prayed and fasted for twenty one days about this desire of his. Daniel said:

> **"In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled." - Daniel 10:2-3**

On the twenty fourth day, and angel with the answer to Daniels prayers appeared to him and said:

> **"O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.**
>
> **Then said he unto me, Fear not, DANIEL: FOR FROM THE FIRST DAY THAT THOU DIDST SET THINE HEART TO UNDERSTAND, AND TO CHASTEN THYSELF BEFORE THY GOD, THY WORDS**

WERE HEARD, AND I AM COME FOR THY WORDS." - Daniel 10: 11-12

Notice that the angel said that from the very moment that Daniel prayed his prayers were heard and God immediately sent his angel with the answer.

The very moment Daniel prayed, God heard and sent the answer.

But something happened in the spirit realm that hindered the answer from getting to Daniel.

TERRITORIAL SPIRITS HINDER ANSWERS TO PRAYERS AND NOT PRAYERS

The angel of the Lord declared to Daniel that while he was coming to deliver the answer from God in response to his prayer request to him, that the territorial spirit over the region where Daniel lived and was praying with-stood him for twenty one days.

The angel of the Lord was not able to pass through with the answer to Daniel. The angel said:

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the

kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days." - Daniel 10:13-14

The Prince of the Kingdom of Persia is the territorial spirit – the ruling spirit that Satan assigned to oversee the affairs of that region. He regulates and monitors every spiritual transaction in that region. He stands and works against spiritual transactions between God and men.

Now notice, the angel did not say, the Prince of the Kingdom of Persia or the territorial spirit hindered Daniels prayer request from reaching or ascending to God. He didn't say the territorial spirit hindered or kept Daniels prayers from being heard by God. If it were so, the angel wouldn't have said, from the moment Daniel prayed, God heard and sent the answer.

"DANIEL: FOR FROM THE FIRST DAY THAT THOU DIDST SET THINE HEART TO UNDERSTAND, AND TO CHASTEN THYSELF BEFORE THY GOD, THY WORDS WERE HEARD, AND I AM COME FOR THY WORDS." - Daniel 10: 11-12

Daniels prayers were heard the same moment Daniel prayed. So what was hindered? The answer is found in Daniel 10:13-14:

> **"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days."**
> **- Daniel 10:13-14**

THE ANSWER TO THE PRAYERS WAS HINDERED! The prayers the expression of Daniel's desires were not hindered by the territorial devil over Persia, what was hindered was the answer to Daniel's Prayers.

So, Devils don't hinder prayers – the expression of our desires to God. What they hinder is the **ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS!**

Once the sin question is taken care of and we pray, God answers immediately, but the territorial devils over the region or state, or street or neighbourhood where we live may go into effect to hinder the answers to our prayers.

To get the answer to Daniel Prayer to him, God had to send a warrior angel called Arch Angel Michael to war against the territorial spirit over Persia and clear the way for Gods messenger angel to pass through and deliver the answer to Daniel.

> **"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one**

of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days."
- Daniel 10:13-14

It was only after Arch Angel Michael cleared the way that the angel was able to get the answers through to Daniel.
This is the reason why we need to engage in Spiritual warfare to bind and cast the territorial devil out of the path of the answer to our prayers from God to us.

With this information, you can:

- **Get answers to your prayers with ease**
- **You can get answers to your prayers on time**
- **You can change things that have gone wrong in your life on earth from the spirit realm by engaging in spiritual warfare and prophetic prayers**

There is nothing you cannot achieve in God this way.

Many think the source of their problems is man. Our battle is not with men, but with spiritual devils. These are spirit beings that operate in the spiritual realm. What they do in the spirit realm, if not checked, can adversely affect the fulfillment of a man's destiny on earth.

Our battle is not with men or women. Our battle is with devils. The Word of GOD says:

> **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." - Ephesians 6:12**

From the scripture above, our battle is not with men but with devils – they manipulate situations against people in an attempt to keep them under. But as believers, we have the power and the authority to bind these devils and cast them out. Jesus gave us this power and authority as declared in the following scriptures:

> **"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." – Matthew 10:1**

> **"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." - Luke 10:17**

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." - Luke 10:19

"And I will give unto thee THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: AND WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN: AND WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." - Matthew 16:19

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils..." - Mark 16:17

From the scriptures above, we have been given the authority and power over devils and it is our responsibility to bind them and cast them out:

"And I will give unto thee THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: AND WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN: AND WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." - Matthew 16:19

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils..." - Mark 16:17

We have the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. What we bind on earth is bound in heaven; what we loose on earth is loosed in heaven".

In other Words, when we bind devils here on earth, God rebukes them in the spirit realm on our behalf and keeps them from devouring and attacking our lives and resources. Unfortunately, many believers don't know that they can change things in the spiritual to affect them in the physical realm by the simple act of binding, loosing and casting out in Jesus Name!

You can change your life, fulfill destiny, prosper, live healthy, get daily favours, have all that makes for a good living and live free of sickness, death and afflictions by putting things in place in the spirit realm via spiritual warfare and decrees based on the word of God. You can control and determine what happens to you and your family by spiritual warfare.

I have written a book titled:

70 SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS AGAINST TERRITORIAL SPIRITS THAT HINDERS ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

It contains **70 power-packed spiritual warfare prayers against territorial devils who hinder answers to prayers.**

I recommend that you get and use this BOOK and the Prayer Points therein everyday or as often as you can. This will help in opening up and maintaining spiritual channels to receive God's blessings unhindered.

The supernatural power of God and the anointing are available for you to get answers to your prayers. See this exercise as a means of advancing and attaining new heights in your life with guaranteed victory and success. All that is required is TIME AND FAITH.

I believe that God will do great and mighty things in your life through the Prayers contained in the **70 SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS AGAINST TERRITORIAL SPIRITS THAT HINDERS ANSWERS TO PRAYERS.**

I trust that this edition of the **"SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYERS AGAINST TERRITO-**

RIAL SPIRITS" prayer book will enhance your spiritual growth and development, and position you for resounding success AND ANSWERS TO PRAYERS. The life changing prayers in that book (***70 Spiritual Warfare Prayers Against Territorial Spirits That Hinders Answers To Prayers***) will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful, and rewarding experience with God's power everyday.

We invite you to enjoy God's glorious presence, love, power and blessings, as you pray get a copy of ***70 Spiritual Warfare Prayers Against Territorial Spirits That Hinders Answers To Prayers*** and pray the prayers contained therein in believing faith.

So after asking and praying with the scriptures, deal with the territorial devils over where you are praying or that are assigned to hinder answers to prayers.

SHIFT #5:

MEDITATION AND TONGUES

THE POWER OF SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES

THE POWER OF SUBJECT OF MEDITATION AND TONGUES

> **"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," - Ephesians 3:20 KJV**

The scripture above brings our attention to the fact that God can perform mighty miracles in us and for us through what we **"Ask"** or **"Think"**.

Many of us are used to the asking part, but not many understand the ***thinking*** part. The thinking part is not passive thinking; it is an active engagement of the mind in the process of prayer.

The thinking part relates more to the ***meditative*** kind of prayers. It is a process of bringing all your will, mind and emotions to focus on only one subject of prayer. This subject of prayer becomes your subject of meditation during prayer. Your subject of meditation could be prosperity, a new job, fruit of the womb, healing, increase and multiplication in sales, favour before someone, etc. This process is a very powerful process and can unleash great power for the performance of miracles in your life.

Now how do we function in prayer this way to get results?

You take a subject of prayer - something you so much desire, say "fruit of the womb" and you project that desire in your heart and start praying in tongues about it. Because you are praying in tongues, your mind may wonder away or drift into other thoughts, but you bring it under subjection and re-direct it to focus on the subject of prayer. This subject of prayer becomes your subject of meditation. You maintain that projection all through as you speak and pray in other tongues.

While you are praying in other tongues, you begin to create pictures in your mind of the unveiling of that miracle in your life. As you continue to do this and focus more and more, your prayers begin to be heartfelt and earnest.... You will begin to feel passionate about your desire .... vibrating of some sort may follow, intensity in prayers and sometimes tears may follow....your entire being becomes consumed in the prayer and tremendous power is made available to you as a result for the performance of the miracle.

The bible says:

> **"The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." - James 5:16 Amp.**

As testimony, I have prayed this way and gotten great miracles and blessings. For instance, My son, whom we named "Bishop" was given to us as a result of praying this way.

We had some serious issues in having a child for about 7 years. We tried all we knew, but none worked. We ran several test, took several medications and boosters and yet nothing worked.

When I was tired of it all, I engaged this process during one of our programs called the **"Potters Workshop"** in church and the miracle came - a son was given. All I did was to create a desire for a child as my subject of meditation. For two serious sessions we had in that program for praying in other tongues, I projected that desire all through; I prayed earnestly and fervently and the next month, my wife conceived.

I have since adopted the same method for specific needs in my life and have seen miracles and blessings manifest.

This method of prayer is strongly suited for specific needs. It works more with a subject of prayer, which becomes your subject of meditation as you pray in other tongues. It increases the spiritual energy and forces around you and in you required for the performance of the miracle.

You can apply this method to any specific need in your life, business, ministry or family. Your mind does not need to be unfruitful

when you pray in other tongues. Have a subject of meditation which is your need. Focus on it, converse with God about it in your mind while you pray in other tongues. See the miracle unveiling in your life, take a hold of it with all your will, mind, emotions and might as you pray earnestly and intensely, until the assurance is given that it is yours as you have seen it unveiling in your mind.

If the assurance is not there, continue the next time or the next day until the assurance is given. That assurance will lead you to make prophetic declarations that seal the miracles.

We shall be discussing prophetic declarations made by releasing your faith through the spoken word in the next chapter.

SHIFT #6:

FAITH AND PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS

RELEASING YOUR FAITH BY THE SPOKEN WORD

DON'T TALK ABOUT IT; SPEAK TO IT

> **"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." - Mark 11:23 KJV**

Everyone faces challenges; we all have mountains or problems to move or overcome! But the problem with a vast majority is that they talk more about the problem than talk to it! From the scripture above, Jesus did not say *"whosoever shall talk about his mountain or problems"*. Rather He said ***"Whosoever shall say unto this mountain"***. In other words we are to talk to our mountains than talk about them! Talking about your mountains does not move them away. Talking to your mountains with authority is what moves the mountain!

After praying and asking; after engaging in spiritual warfare and praying in other tongues, we should no longer talk about our mountains – don't complain about it any longer, but speak and command it to move!

So the next shift is ***talk to the mountain or the problem*** and command it to move by the spoken word.

Believers are often in a habit of talking more about their mountains! They spend more time talking about their challenges and problems - the lack, the sickness, the poverty, the joblessness, the disfavours, etc.! No wonder many people hardly get results! Jesus instructed us to speak to the mountain and it shall move!

How Do We Speak To The Mountain?

Simple:

1.
Get Gods word and use it to speak a command to it and command it to move OR;

2.
Get Gods Word and use it to speak a definite blessing over your life that will enforce the desired and needed blessing or miracle to be made manifest in your life!

3.
You can combine both 1 & 2.

When you understand this principle & function by it, movement of mountains will become cheap! You will find yourself talking less about and talking more to mountains with tangible and visible physical results! When you are constantly speaking the Word

to a mountain, no demonic power can keep it in place! The Word - the sword of the Spirit slays them!

Satan often comes again after prayers to speak doubt to our hearts; he attempts to make us feel God has not heard or answered. Once you fall a prey to this, you will often find yourself talking about your problem as though God is not true to His Word; as though God has not heard and answered your prayers. The deception satan often wields here is to make you talk negative or confess the problem.

Satan can also create a false storm to make you believe that nothing is working. False storms are what they are: **"FALSE".** Once you believe that your problem is not yet solved as a result of the false storm Satan projects before you, then you have empowered him to reestablish the real storm once again in your life and this time, it could be worse than before.

So we have to keep speaking to the mountain and not talk about it. Speak to it!

> If it is sickness, say **"I am healed by the Power of God in the Name of Jesus Christ!"**
>
> If it is money, say **"My finances are growing, increasing and multiplying. The XYZ amount I ask for is delivered into my hands. There shall be a manifestation of it in my hands in Jesus Name!"**

How Long Should I Speak To Mountains?

Until they are shifted in the physical realm! You don't stop talking the Word! You stay with the program until the spiritual is made manifest in the physical. The bible says so mightily grew the word of God and prevailed! You keep speaking to the mountain until it prevails! Constant speaking births prevailing!

I have been speaking a particular scripture with a couple of others as a blessing over my life for some time now and I am beginning to see results in the physical realm! The Word works! We all need to gain mastery of this life and daily function this way!

If you are having challenges with living right, You can also get scriptures on righteousness and our divine nature in Christ and speak them as a blessing over your life and watch how divine changes will take place accompanied with a new way of living! This is how the Word sanctifies us! Jesus said "Sanctify them with the truth; thy word is truth!"

The last thing here is that, you need to believe the scriptures and the words you speak by them. You also need to speak the blessings as a present day reality over your life! Even though, it may not seem that way, don't stop talking; keep speaking! Stay with the program until the physical aligns with your words!

FAITH DOES NOT ANSWER TO

> **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." - Romans 10:17 KJV**

There is actually no place where the disciples prayed to have faith. They also never asked us to pray to have faith. You would often hear the disciples asking that prayers should be offered for them for boldness to be given to them to preach the Gospel. But boldness is not faith and faith is not boldness.

Why was there no mention of praying to have faith in the Bible? The answer is simple: ***Faith only comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God.*** It is what you hear that produces faith in you. If you hear positive things, faith is built towards having positive things. If you hear negative things, faith is built towards having negative things. This is the Law of Faith.

A man once cried to Jesus, ***"Master help my unbelief".*** That was like a prayer. Jesus didn't answer him a word. Jesus didn't say *"receive faith now in the Name of Jehovah"*. He just went ahead and healed his son. Why? Because He knew, faith comes only via hearing the Word of God.

When you study the scriptures, you will discover that there is no mention that all the people who got healed in Jesus Ministry and that of the disciples got healed because they were prayed for to have faith. No sir! They heard about Jesus and all He could do and was doing. What they heard formed faith in them and they came to Him in that faith to be healed. No wonder Jesus would often say ***"Thy faith has made you whole".***

Faith does not answer to or come by prayers like ***"O Lord, give me faith"***, Or ***"O Lord help my unbelief"***

Faith only comes by ***HEARING THE RIGHT WORDS*** – in this case, the Word of God!

There are many unanswered prayers in churches and in the life of many believers because they do not know how faith comes and how to activate it to work.

So back to the question:

How Do I Build And Maintain Faith For A Miracle?

Let us follow the wisdom in Romans 10:17:

> **"So then *FAITH COMETH BY HEARING*, and *HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD*." - Romans 10:17 KJV**

The primary way by which faith comes is by ***HEARING RIGHTLY***. When you read Gods word, and say it back to yourself, you are hearing. When you hear someone teach,

speak, or preach, you are hearing. What you do with what you have heard will determine whether faith is formed and built up in you or not.

That is why I feel so sorry for those who don't read and study the bible. In fact churches are filled with people who don't read and study their bible for days, weeks, months and years. No wonder churches today are filled with people who have a huge pile of unanswered prayers. Churches today are filled with babes who cannot handle spiritual matters on their own.

Note these points of fact about faith:

Faith comes by hearing
Faith is built up be constantly hearing
Faith is maintained by constantly hearing

The three points listed above have one thing in common ***"Hearing!"***

How do you hear? When do you hear? You hear when a sound is made or a word is spoken.

So sound or words are involved in the coming of faith.

Faith doesn't only come via the preaching or the teaching of the Word of God and bible study. Faith also comes by what we constantly hear ourselves saying about our condition. This is where confession or declarations comes in.

It is not all the time that we are in a church or religious gathering to hear the word of God preached or taught. We are to fill this gap with confessions based on the Word of God.

The following Words are Word of God based confessions:

"I am a success"
"I am prosperous"
"I am healed, strengthened and well"
"God has blesses and prospered me, and I shall continue prospering until I am very prosperous"

When you regularly make these confessions and hear yourself saying these things on a regular basis, active and alive faith would come to you. This is why regular confessions – saying to yourself what the Word of God says about you and a matter at hand is very important.

Another very important point of note is that ***faith may come, but the same faith may be lost if not maintained.*** This is where many have missed it.

To maintain faith in any situation and under any circumstance requires that you constantly hear yourself making positive confessions based on the word of God about your desired outcome or miracle. It is your responsibility to do this. You need to regularly speak words of life words that addresses your needs – words that express your desired outcome of a problem or situation to your hearing. This is how you maintain faith and keep

it alive to work in you until your miracle is birthed.

When a church is not growing, check the people - the true faith of God is lacking. Most of the members are hopefuls. All they have been doing is hoping that someday, things will get better. There is no demonstrable faith. A church where faith is taught and faith is charged up is a strong church and it will not fail to grow. The mighty hand of God will be in their midst. People will constantly be active, having personal testimonies of great exploits.

We need to get back to faith. We need to learn faith. We need to study the Word on our own and as a church. We need to learn what to do with what we have read and heard.

EVEN PROPHET EZEKIEL HAD A PROBLEM, UNTIL HE.....

> **"Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts." - Ezekiel 37:11 KJV**

Many of us know the story of Prophet Ezekiel and the valley of dry bones. The children of Israel were in a serious dilemma. Problem was everywhere; they felt dried, deprived, disadvantaged and defeated! Nothing was working for them! They felt failed! This was what God meant when He said to prophet Ezekiel:

> **"Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts." - Ezekiel 37:11 KJV**

But check carefully the words and tenses God used in that statement! If you are not careful, one would think that because Prophet Ezekiel was the one God was speaking to, that he wasn't included in the derogative state of Israel! What many think is that

Ezekiel was exempted. But that's not true! God generalized his statement by saying:

> **"These bones are the whole house of Israel ... they are dried ... their hope lost .. they were cut off"**

The whole house of Israel included Prophet Ezekiel. He had the same problems with the other members of the tribes of Israel! He also was a victim until God showed up and showed him the way out! They way out was ***"prophesy or speak to the dry situation":*** Or ***"prophesy or speak to the problem"***. When Ezekiel spoke to the dry bones, they came back to life again.

> **"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." - Ezekiel 37:10 KJV**

The dead bones didn't come back to life until Ezekiel began to Speak Gods Word!

This is very instructive in building and maintaining faith for the manifestation of your miracle after praying, asking, engaging in spiritual warfare and giving commands to the mountain.

The Word of God is near you! Take a scripture that deals with your issue and use it to regularly speak a blessing over your life on a daily basis! Speak the blessings! **Speak! Speak!! Speak!!!** Be a ***WORD PRACTITIONER!*** Practice

Speaking the blessings daily, and you will be amazed at the results!

I am not sharing what I have not tested and proven to be true! The Word spoken as a blessing over your life on a regular **AND DAILY** basis **WORKS!**

SHIFT #7:

LISTENING

LEARN TO LISTEN WELL: YOUR MIRACLE COULD BE IN BEING ABLE TO LISTEN WELL

A BILLBOARD SPOKE FAITH

There are times after having done all that I have highlighted in this book, you just still find yourself still anxious and pressured to get something done or out of the way on time. These are usually time sensitive issues that need to be addresses on time.

You have prayed, fasted, done spiritual warfare, made Word of God based confessions and released your faith and it still seems as though, nothing is happening – there is no sign of an answer and the pressure for a result – to get answers begins to mount until you begin to lose sight of spiritual realities.

The unchangeable fact or truth here is that God has answered and the answer is on the way, but you have allowed the gravity and the time-sensitiveness of the situation to create anxiety in you, leading to self-caused pressure.

At this stage, you find yourself, wanting to help yourself – you do this and that and other and nothing happens. The more you try to help yourself, the more things get worse. The more you step out of the faith zone (unknowingly to you), the more you get disappointed and frustrated.

At this stage, people you thought would have helped will fail you. Places you thought you could source funds from would suddenly dry

up. Time is ticking and you are fast approaching a deadline with no help in sight. You have gotten to a place where you have either fully or partially forgotten that there was a time you prayed and God gave you an assurance of an answer.

How Do You Get Back Into Faith And Reposition Yourself On The Path Of Receiving Your Desired Miracle?

The answer is in being able to listen and listening well despite your drifting into some form of carnality in your approach to solving your problem.

> **"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." - Romans 10:17 KJV**

Several years ago, I was in a financial fix. I needed money to do a certain ***"very important"*** thing and my window was closing fast. If by evening the next day, I couldn't come up with the money, I would loose a very viable opportunity. I asked everyone I knew to help, but none could. I looked inwards, looking at my finances and how I could pull it off, but my finances then gave me no hope of a solution.

Have you ever been in this sort of financial need, where no help is coming from anyone and anywhere? It might not be in line with finances, it could be something else of great

importance and the window is fast closing. Have you been in a state where desperation took a hold of you and all that you did became frustrating with no solution in sight? That was exactly how I felt at that period: ***Desperate and frustrated.***

Did I pray to God for help? Yes, like most of us reading, I did. I actually prayed my heart out as though everything depended on God, I was sure God heard, but the events that happened afterwards made it seem as though God and the answer were several light years away from reality. Am sure you've felt this way before.

But do you know the problem? I wasn't listening well. I thought I had faith before and after praying to receive answers to my prayers. Many of us usually think we do, but it is an assumption. You see, every prayer requires its own specific faith before you can receive its answer. We all assume that we have faith for answers to our prayers when we pray, but what we have is HOPE.

When we pray, most of us hope to receive answers and it ends there. We have confused hope with faith and that is why we don't receive answers to prayers. Hope is not faith and faith is not hope. You can tell the difference by how you talk.

When you say, *"I am believing and trusting God to do this and that"*, check it very well, it's like saying *"I am hoping"*. Faith does not talk

like that. Faith sees the evidence and says it as though it is already done.

Now, about my predicament, How did I know I was only hoping instead of faith? At noon on the eve of the deadline, I saw a Celestial Church of Christ program billboard with the theme ***"By this time tomorrow "***. That was what I read and heard in my spirit and faith came into my spirit for the money and exactly as it was written, it came to pass. The bible says faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God.

The faith that I needed for the money came by seeing and hearing Gods Word on a billboard. God told me that the reason why I didn't receive on time was because I was not listening well and that's why I kept on hoping instead of operating in faith. When we don't listen well, we start hoping which is disguised with another *christianeez* language - ***"trusting and believing"***, which we often hear from believers these days. But when we listen well, faith comes and we start speaking and thinking in a certain way and the answer is delivered to us. That was exactly what happened in my situation. I began to speak the message on that bill board – faith became so strong and this help to reposition me on the path of receiving the answer to my prayers.

Learn to listen and listen well during and after prayer. God always speaks. He will drop a word or two in your heart and those words

are meant to sustain you even after prayer and you find yourself in a fix.

Staying with what God has told you and constantly meditating upon it and declaring it will keep you strong and going until the miracle is delivered and manifested in your life.

Hope doesn't cut it, faith does.
Learn to listen and in listening, listen well!

SHIFT #8:

DRIVE THROUGH YOUR WAITING PERIOD WITH A "TANK-FULL"

BE THANKFUL DURING THE PROCESS

WHAT IT TAKES TO HAVE A "TANK-FULL" OF BLESSINGS

Problems have the tendencies to overwhelm and keep us under. No one really thinks of being thankful when face with a problem. But as believers we are not hopeless. We are not like those who don't know or have God to be their Father.

The fact that you have the Almighty to pray to during the time of crisis is something to be thankful and grateful for.

Why should we be thankful during the time of crisis? The reason is because God promised to deliver us out of the trouble when we call upon in prayer. God said:

> **"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. "- Psalms 50:15**

In another place God said:

> **"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. "- Psalms 91:15**

God threw in another bonus in Jeremiah 29:12:

> **"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I**

will hearken unto you. "- Jeremiah 29:12

There is a definite promise – a divine assurance and certainty that when we are faced with a problem and call upon God in prayer, he would hearken unto us (hear us) and deliver us from the trouble. This is enough reason to be thankful to God during the process. We thank God in anticipation of the assured victory, deliverance and helps.

The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul instructed and encouraged us to:

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

If you observe closely from Philippians 4:6, you will find that thanksgiving to God was to be made during the process prayer or calling upon God! But it does not end there; he said "but in everything"; this includes after prayer is offered to God and you are waiting for the manifestation of the answer.

In another place, the Holy Spirit through Apostle Paul said:

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. "- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"..in everything" was used again.

"... In everything" means in every situation; under all circumstances; during prayer; during the waiting process – while waiting for the manifestation of the answer.

We are to give God thanks always – even while waiting for the miracle! This was the response of King Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel.

King Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel in 2 Chronicles 20:1 - 21 had a huge problem – a large army of several nations came up to war against them. They stood the risk of being wiped away as a nation.

But King Jehoshaphat prayed to God for deliverance from the problem and during what looked like a waiting period for the manifestation of the miracle-deliverance; Jehoshaphat set singers to match out before the army of Israel singing and chanting just one song "Praise the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever".

They praised God while waiting for victory in the battle before them and by this singular act of praise, God stepped in and they conquered a whole formidable army of the enemy. They were able to do this by putting men who praised the Lord for His Mercies before the battle line and the result was that they didn't need to fight in the battle ... God fought for them and won the victory for them. It didn't end there, they gathered great spoils of battle – they had a ***"tank-full"*** of blessings as a result because they were

thankful while waiting for the manifestation of their deliverance!

If you are thankful under any problematic condition – you will have a ***"tank-full"*** of blessings and honour!

To be thankful during your waiting period is an expression of the highest level of faith. What your thankfulness is saying loud and clear is: ***"I see the answer; it has been delivered into my hands"***

SHIFT #9:

IT IS FINISHED - RETURN TO DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT

LEARN FROM THE TEN LEPERS

WERE THERE NOT TEN CLEANSED?

The last shift to make is **THANKSGIVING AFTER** the answer is manifested in the physical in your life.

Many folks don't give thanks to God after the answer is received. Not giving thanks after the answer is received may lead to either of the following outcomes:

1.
YOU STAND THE RISK OF NOT GETTING ANSWERS TO SOME FUTURE REQUEST

No one likes an ungrateful person. Ungrateful people don't experience repeat favours.

What you are not grateful for, you may end up losing.

2.
YOU STAND THE RISK OF LOSING WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED

What you are not grateful for, you may end up losing eventually.

3.
YOUR TESTIMONY IS NOT PERFECTED – THE PROBLEM MAY RELAPSE.

If you are not thankful after receiving a miracle, your testimony would not be perfected.

You may have the problem relapsing. This scenario was demonstrated and revealed in Jesus' ministry to the ten lepers as recorded in the Gospel according to St. Luke the seventeenth verse of the seventeenth chapter.

> **"And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.**
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> **And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed."**

The ten leprous men had a serious medical condition and they cried unto Jesus, the same way you and I would pray to God for a miracle healing. In answer to their prayers, Jesus told them what to do to get their miracle – ***"Go shew yourselves unto the priests".***

They listened well to the instruction and obeyed. As they went in obedience, they were cleansed of the leprosy.

But something happened:

> **"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,**

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, *WERE THERE NOT TEN CLEANSED? BUT WHERE ARE THE NINE? THERE ARE NOT FOUND THAT RETURNED TO GIVE GLORY TO GOD, SAVE THIS STRANGER.*

And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: *THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE.*" – Luke 17:11-19

Out of the ten leprous men that got healed and cleansed, only **ONE** came back to give Jesus thanks **AND TO GIVE GLORY TO GOD.**

The return of the man to give thanks to God attracted an extra blessing from Jesus.

JESUS said ***"THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE"***

Wholeness means perfection. I discovered that leprosy after being healed may relapse. I also learnt that leprosy has a way of eating the flesh away.

The nine who didn't return to give thanks to God only got cleansed. They still had the scars of leprosy and if care is not taken, the disease may relapse.

But the young man that returned to give God thanks for his cleansing, received perfection and wholeness. What this means is that the scars of leprosy where cleansed and removed

and his healing was perfected, never to return again by the Power of God!

What you don't thank God for may be lost or may not be perfected. This is why it is of utmost importance that we praise God and thank Him for every miracle we receive.

Wholeness and perfection is yours when you do this!

BRINGING THE PRAYER SHIFTS TOGETHER

LAYING THE BLOCKS

CONCLUSION

I am glad we have gotten to this chapter – the ***CONCLUSION!***

Let us summarize what we have read and learnt so far in this book.

1. Prayer is dynamic and it involves making several prayer shifts inorder to get the desired outcome.

2. To get the best results out of prayer, you need to know and define your problem and what you want to be the outcome after praying about it.

3. Get the Word-Raw Material that covers or addresses your needs or problems

4. Go to God in prayer as an ***attorney of law,*** armed with the Word of God to make your case, request and demands know unto Him.

5. Stay with the Word – argue and set forth your case before God from all angles using the Word of God. Tie every promise or scripture used to your request and drive your demands home by asking in Jesus Name!

6. Ask God to grant your request by Praying fervently and earnestly

7. Satan does not hinder prayers – i.e., our prayers or request from getting to God. What he can hinder is the answer to our prayers. On the basis of this fact, you should en-

gage in spiritual warfare to bind and cast out those devils.

8. Pray in other tongues often about your needs

9. Pray with the Word of God until you get an assurance in your spirit of the answer!

10. Release your faith by the spoken word

11. Build and maintain your faith by making Word of God based confessions that covers and addresses your situation. This would build and maintain your faith and keep you going strong even when it seems that nothing is happening

12. God always speaks to strengthen and assure us of victory. So during and after prayer, learn to listen and in listening, learn to listen well.

13. Never depend on man for anything. Always put your trust and confidence in God!

14. Always remain thankful and expectant during the waiting process and when the desired blessing is received be thankful

15. Live and function this way in prayer, and you will have victories and answers upon answers all the days of your life.

I believe that you have been blessed by this book. I would be glad to hear testimonies coming from the use of this book.

I pray that the Lord bless and prosper you in the Name of Jesus Christ!

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