

7 Steps to Answered Prayer:

1. Decide What You want from God

James 1:6-8: 6But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

- This shows us the importance of being decisive in our prayers, it is good to pray to fellowship with God, but if you are praying to get an answer then you have to be specific with what you want from God.
- Bro. Hagin said “ It would be better to pray for two or three minutes and know what you are praying about than to pray aimlessly for two or three hours.”

2. Read Scriptures that promise you the answer that you need

Joshua 1:8: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth ; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night , that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein : for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous , and then thou shalt have good success.

- As we feed upon the Word, we are getting it in our heart so that when we are in need we are prepared and ready to use the appropriate scriptures against the devil when he tries to make us doubt God and steal what He has for us.
- In whatever matter you may be facing, find scripture that promises the thing that you are believing God for, use those scriptures in your prayer time. His Word IS His will and it belongs to us as believers.

- Praying according to scripture gives you confidence in your prayers because you KNOW that it is something that He has promised you in His word and He is a faithful God—faithful to His Word.
- The reason people don't pray with confidence is because they don't know the scriptures concerning their situation, well enough to know if what they are praying for is God's will or not.

3. Ask God for the things you want

Matthew 7:7–8: 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

- In Matthew 6:8 it says….”your father knoweth what you have need of before you ask.” Yet he still says in the next chapter that you have to ASK. So, it shows us that even though He knows what our needs are, He still wants us to ASK.
- John 16:24 says…ask and you shall receive…

4. Believe that you receive

Mark 11:23–24: 23 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. 24 Therefore, I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

AMPLIFIED:…whatever you ask for in prayer, believe—trust and be confident—that it is granted to you, and you will get it.

- Some people think that the truth pertains to the things they can see with their physical eyes. We can't see the things of the Spirit, but everything we need is provided in the spiritual realm.

- Our needs have been provided for by Christ Jesus and are available to us in the Spirit, even though we can't see them.
- When your reality contradicts the truth of God's word, that's when you choose to walk by faith and not by sight. You walk by what the Word says.
- What is available in the spiritual realm can be brought into reality by faith.
- When you are praying, believe that you have received and you will have what you are asking for.
- Act like the Word is true and stop walking by your own natural senses and by what you see—walk by faith—when we walk by faith we believe that we have received before it manifests in the natural.

5. Refuse to Doubt

James 4:7: Resist the devil and he will flee from you

- Never doubt for one minute that you have the answer
- Never permit a mental picture of failure to remain in your mind
- Keep your mind and thoughts on the answer
- Put out every image, suggestion, feeling or thought that does not contribute to your faith

6. Meditate on the Promises

Proverbs 4:20–22: 20 My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes, keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

- Meditate constantly on the promises on which you base your answer to prayer
- See yourself in possession of what you have asked God for and go ahead and make plans as if it were already a reality.

John 15:7: If you abide in me and **MY WORDS** abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you

7. Give God the Praise

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

- If you worry and fret after praying and believing God for a matter, then your prayer is no good.
- We thank God after we have prayed, believing that we have received.
- The final step to answered prayer is lifting your heart to God in continual gratitude. Thanking Him for what He has done and is doing on your behalf.
- Make every prayer a statement of faith, not a wishing and hoping prayer.
- Bro. Hagin said “Thinking faith thoughts and speaking faith words lead the heart of doubt and into victory.”
- Refuse to accept defeat, but claim all that God has bought for you in Christ, through redemption.
- Andrew Murray said “It is not good taste to ask God for the same thing over and over again. If , when you do pray again for something that has not materialized , don’t pray for it in the same way, because that would be unbelief. Remind God that you asked for it and what His word says, and tell Him you are expecting it . Then thank Him for it.”
- My dad always says “how would you act if you just received the thing you are believing God for?” You are supposed to act like that now! If you believe you have received—you rejoice, praise and thank God NOW!