

7 Steps to Answered Prayer

According to the Scriptures, it is God's will that you live a successful, overcoming, and abundant life (In Christ). But God's will is not automatic. Here are 7 things that you need to consider for answers to prayer:

1. Pray With God's Word

The #1 step to seeing the kind of results God wants you to have through prayer is not just shooting random scatter shots in the air, hoping something might happen.

Apostle James wrote: *"You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss,"* James 4:3. If you want to hit the bulls-eye when you pray, you must pray based on the Word of God (which is the will of God). See 1 John 5:14-15.

2. Release Faith

"Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive," Matt. 21:22. (Also see Mark 11:24.)

The 2nd step is to have faith in God and His Word, even before you 'see' results in the physical realm. Here are some quick-start tips for adding faith to your prayers:

- a. **Believe you receive 'when' you pray.** God's Word is always true. His Word is spirit and life. If God says it's done – it's done!
- b. **Speak It.** *"Hold fast to your confession"* that it's already done (in the spirit realm). Don't speak faith one day, then doubt and unbelieve the next.
- c. **Act On It.** Believing is an action word.

3. Resist All fear

Satan is the master deceiver. He is the originator of all fear, which is designed to steal and stop your faith in God's promises. *"Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you,"* James 4:7.

4. See Yourself Successful

A big part of *"believing that you receive when you pray"* is that you must 'see' with spiritual eyes. *"we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."* See 2 Cor. 4:18. Part of seeing yourself successful is avoiding negativity and people that generate unbelief.

5. Talk 'To' the Problem

"Whoever says to this mountain, 'be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says," Mark 11:23. When you speak to the problem, you accomplish 2 things:

- a. You claim what Jesus has already done for you.
- b. Your words of faith will encourage others and help build their faith.

You are following Jesus, (Who spoke to storms, trees, demons, and the sick), when you speak 'to' the problem, not 'about' it.

6. Pray for Someone Else

"Faith works through love," Galatians 5:6. If you need healing, pray for someone else to be healed. (James 5:16.) Love in action always produces blessing because God IS Love – and love never fails. (1 Cor. 13:8.)

If you're standing and believing for something in prayer. Get involved in praying for someone else. Tell someone what Jesus has already done for you and what He is doing now.

7. Be a Giver/Sower

God is looking for believers who are blessed to be a blessing. Look for ways to give >> love, encouragement, prayer, finances, etc. If you need your children to receive the Lord, pray for someone else's children.

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap," Galatians 6:7.

If you want to be on the receiving end of prayer, get on the giving end.

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully," 2 Corinthians 9:6.

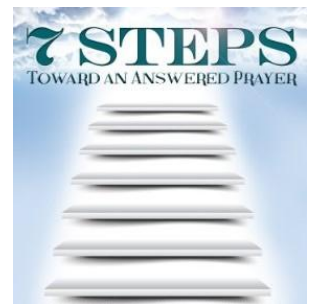
Yes, this promise refers to finances – but it also refers to being a cheerful giver/sower of love, joy, prayer, and faith-filled words!

Don't stop the flow of God's blessing by being grouchy or stingy!

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