

Understand this, God moves the moment you pray in faith!

**Daniel 10:12-13 NKJV** Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, **for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.** (13) But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

There can also be opposition to your prayers in the realm of the spirit, especially when interceding for people or nations.

Do not think for one moment that the kingdom of darkness is going to stand by and let us gain territory without some type of opposition. But if we stand in faith on God's Word and enforce Satan's defeat won by Jesus, we will triumph!

**Ephesians 6:10-14 NKJV** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (14) Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

**We can either speed up or hinder the manifestation of our prayers.**

### **1. The answer can come faster if the Word is rooted in us.**

How we treat the Word of God determines the speed of our answer.

Bro. Hagin – "The answer to our prayer can come faster if the Word is strongly rooted in you. The more of the Word that is in you, the stronger your faith will become."

The manifestation is dependent on the strength of our faith.

Feeding on the Word of God means staying with a Scripture that the Holy Ghost stirs your heart towards. Meditate on that Scripture. When you need healing, you don't need to be studying the Book of Revelation.

If the Holy Ghost directs you to a specific Scripture, you need to camp on the Scripture.

Let the Holy Ghost guide your meditations.

**John 15:7 NKJV** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

It's not enough for us to be alive in Him, His Word needs to be alive in us. The Word must be a living thing in us.

**John 15:7 AMPC** If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

**John 15:7 GNB** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it.

**John 15:7 NLT** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

Spending time in the Word is the same thing as having a conversation with Jesus. Talk with God about His Word.

**Colossians 3:16 NKJV** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Richly (GREEK) – in abundance, in a great measure.

We must be full of the Word of God.

Abraham was fully persuaded that God was able to perform what He had promised. We cannot be persuaded on empty.

**When we give an all-out effort to the Word, we speed up the manifestation.**

## 2. With consistency lies victory.

**Hebrews 6:11-12 NKJV** And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, (12) that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Hebrews 6:12 MSG** Don't drag your feet. Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them.

**James 1:2-4 NKJV** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (3) knowing that the testing of your faith produces (*works*) patience. (4) But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**James 1:2-4 TPT** My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! (3) For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things. (4) And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

The Greek word translated "patience" in Galatians 5:22 is remaining consistent where people are concerned.

**Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

We must develop this consistency if you want to see victory at all and then as it grows, it can help speed things up.

**Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, **and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**, (2) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Endurance** - the fact or power of [enduring](#) or bearing pain, hardships, etc; the ability or strength to continue or last, especially despite fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions; stamina:

**Hebrews 10:35-36 AMPC** Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward. (36) For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.

**Galatians 6:9 NLT** So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

### 3. Never underestimate the power of your praise and worship.

**Acts 16:25-27 AMPC** But about midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the [other] prisoners were listening to them, (26) Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the very foundations of the prison were shaken; and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were unfastened. (27) When the jailer, startled out of his sleep, saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was on the point of killing himself, because he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

**2 Chronicles 20:20-25 NKJV** So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." (21) And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the

LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." (22) Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. (23) For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. (24) So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped. (25) When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

#### 4. Be quick to repent if you sin as sin can hinder your faith.

**1 John 1:5-10 NKJV** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (6) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (7) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

#### 5. Be quick to forgive!

**Mark 11:23-26 NKJV** For assuredly, I say to you, 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. (24) Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. (25) "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. (26) But if you do not forgive, neither will your

Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Notice that Jesus added the necessity for us to forgive others right after He teaches on faith and receiving answers to prayer. That is because they are so closely related to one another.

### ***How does God forgive?***

**There are three parts to forgiveness:**

- The **Heart** of Forgiveness
- The **Act** of Forgiveness - make the relationship right
- **Restoration** of the position in the relationship

**Let's see how God operates in forgiveness:**

- ✓ When Jesus died for us, He died **for all**.

**(Ephesians 4:32 NKJV)** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, ***forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.***

**(Romans 5:12,18 NLT)** (12) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. (18) Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, ***but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.***

**(Hebrews 7:27 NIV)** Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. ***He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.***

Jesus never again has to die, because the price has been paid once and for all. Based on these Scriptures, it is safe to say that in the heart of God, the price has been paid for all men to be saved and forgiven?

- ✓ When Jesus died for us, he **paid in full** the sin debt that we were incapable of paying.

**(Colossians 2:13-14 NASB)** (13) When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, (14) ***having canceled out the certificate of debt*** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- ✓ So, in the heart of God, we are forgiven but does that mean we are automatically **saved**? (in a right standing relationship with Him?)

No. We know from what the Bible teaches that this does not happen. (There is a part that God has played and a part we must play)

**(1 Timothy 2:4 NKJV)** God... who desires ***all men*** to be saved and to come to the ***knowledge of the truth***.

- ✓ We must acknowledge the **truth** that we are sinners, believe what He did for us, **repent** and then receive the **act** of His forgiveness.

**(Acts 3:19 AMPC)** So ***repent (change your mind and purpose); turn around and return [to God]***, that your sins may be erased (blotted out, wiped clean), that times of refreshing (of recovering from the effects of heat, of reviving with fresh air) may come from the presence of the Lord;

Once we repent, believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and make Him the Lord of our lives, we are saved, Born Again and in right relationship with God.

### ***How does God want me to forgive?***

**(Matthew 18:21-35 NLT)** Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" (22) "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven! (23) "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. (24) In the process, one of his

debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. (25) He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. (26) “But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ (27) Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. (28) “But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. (29) “His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. (30) But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. (31) “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. (32) Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. (33) Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ (34) Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. **(35) “That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”**

1. In your heart, you begin forgiving by releasing any ill will towards them and wish **goodwill** to them.

**(Luke 2:14 NKJV)** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

2. With a heart of forgiveness, you release that person from owing you a **debt** to make things right between you.

**(Matthew 6:12 NKJV)** And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

BTW: There is no such thing as spiritual amnesia.

3. This might be something you do **many times**; but do it until you have fully released the debt.

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4. If and when they come to you and **repent**, then you extend to them the act of forgiveness and move towards restoring the position of the relationship. (Privileges, Benefits)

How do I know that he has repented? I will be able to see it in their actions.

**(Matthew 3:8 NLT)** Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

When someone meets the qualifications in that they acknowledge the truth, repent, and then show the fruits of that repentance, then I MUST show them the act of forgiveness. I must restore our relationship and allow them to move forward in our relationship.

5. If they never repent and ask for forgiveness, trust God with the **outcome**.

Can I hate them? Can I hold malice in my heart towards them? (Malice is the desire to see harm to come to someone because they wronged you.)

**(Ephesians 4:31 NKJV)** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

**(Romans 12:19 NLT)** Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD. But we must come to a place that we trust that God is the only one that can truly settle the score and we let go of that anger and malice and leave justice up to Him.

We must walk in the attitude of forgiveness towards those people, let go of any anger, malice and bitterness towards them and then leave the payback and justice up to God.

The Law of sowing and reaping applies to sowing wrong towards others just like it does money.

Remember, God always wants to show mercy and it is not our place to determine if He is able to do that and when. We let Him determine what is the best course of action for people.

### 6. Walk in love!

**Galatians 5:6 KJV** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

**Galatians 5:6 TPT** When you're placed into the Anointed One and joined to him, circumcision and religious obligations can benefit you nothing. All that matters now is living in the faith that is activated and brought to perfection by love.

### 7. Get involved with being the answer to someone else's prayers.

In other words, be someone else's miracle by serving or giving.

So far, we've learned that prayer that brings results is fueled by faith. And now, we see that faith works by love. In other words, if we want our faith to be at a level that will bring results in our prayer life, we've got to express that faith through love to others.

Our faith is strengthened as we reach out to others. So, if you're standing and believing for something in prayer, get involved helping someone else. Tell someone else what Jesus has done for you. When you do, all your problems will seem to fold up and roll away.

**True prosperity is the ability to use the power of God to meet the needs of mankind in every realm of life—spirit, soul, body, financially and socially.**