

# **SOLID ROCK**

Christian Foundational Truths with Scripture  
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*“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. [Matthew 7:24-25 NKJV](#)”*

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## Foreword

It is with great joy and deep conviction that I commend to you this powerful book, **SOLID ROCK – Christian Foundational Truths with Scripture References**, written by my dear brother in Christ, Dr. George Alex. In a world where many are building their lives on the shifting sands of opinion, culture, and emotion, this book calls us back to what truly matters: the unshakable foundation of God’s Word.

Dr. George Alex has done a masterful job of laying out the essential, non-negotiable truths of the Christian faith. This book is not merely academic or theological; it is deeply practical, pastoral, and transformational. Whether you are a new believer seeking clarity, a maturing Christian desiring depth, or a spiritual leader looking for a solid discipleship resource, **SOLID ROCK** will meet you where you are and help you grow into all God has called you to be.

Each chapter is rooted in Scripture, enriched with wisdom, and written with a shepherd’s heart. From salvation and repentance to prayer, worship, and understanding God’s will, every topic is a building block for a vibrant and victorious life in Christ. These truths are not optional; they are essential. They are not just teachings; they are anchors for the soul.

As you read and reflect, I urge you to approach this book not as a textbook, but as a divine tool to shape your spiritual foundation. Jesus said in Matthew 7:24, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” My prayer is that **SOLID ROCK** will lead you to that Rock, Christ Himself, and inspire you to build your life, your family, and your ministry on Him.

May this work bless multitudes and become a lasting resource in the hands of churches, pastors, leaders, and believers around the world.

With love and blessing in Christ,  
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## Preface

*for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure. [Philippians 2:13 NASB](#)*

In July 2023, I felt a strong urge to prepare 100 Bible study topics and put it up on a website that I built ([Online Church](#)). When this was done, I felt I needed to make it up to a total of 300 topics. Of these, a few select topics have been chosen to prepare this book. It also includes my personal story of how I became a Christian. Hope this book will be a blessing to you.

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## Introduction

Have you ever wondered about the thoughts of the wise man, who built his house on solid rock? Until the day of calamity, everyone around him might have thought that he wasted his resources, time and energy for taking such an enormous effort to build his house on that firm foundation. His family might have taken a long time to be convinced as his neighbour the ‘foolish man’ finished everything with ease, building his house on the sand. It might have been tough for the wise man and his family to watch his neighbour celebrating early and having more time for fun and leisure with friends when they were doing all this hard work. All they could do was to finish the work with perseverance and trust. The answer to all the questions about his faith and lifestyle came not from his mouth, but from his work on the day of calamity, the winds and floods. Yes, the solid rock proved that he was right and he was wise in investing in the foundation.

This book “Solid Rock” is a treasure and an eternal investment. The reason is because the chapters are filled with the word of God, and every section is connected to our daily Christian life practices. Many do have good bible knowledge but they miss practising the same. In this book, you will discover the bridge to connect both knowledge and practice, the attitude and lifestyle of a wise man.

My heart is grateful, for the Lord has enabled dear Dr. George Alex to reach readers of all age groups, and believers in different spiritual levels through this blessed book. Our forefathers experienced the love of God and led a faithful and Spirit filled life based on the word of God. But we missed a book like this to guide the next generation, especially from an Indian origin writer who can understand the family atmosphere and culture of our younger generation. This book will also inspire many writers, Christian ministers, and youngsters as it unfolds the secret of sharing foundational truth based on authentic scripture references.

I pray that every reader of this book and their family may have a blessed walk with the Lord, until the day of His coming.

Your brother in Christ

Dr. Blesson Memana

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## CHAPTER 1: SALVATION

### 1. Key Verse

- And there is salvation<sup>1</sup> in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among people by which we must be saved [for God has provided the world no alternative for salvation].” [Acts 4:12 AMP](#)

The person referred to here is Jesus Christ (See [Acts 4:10](#)).

Salvation = to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively)

### 2. Why does one need salvation?

- The soul who sins will die. [Ezekiel 18:4 AMP](#)
- the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Romans 6:23 KJV](#)
- Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. [Revelation 20:14-15 NASB](#)

We will all die physically but the death that is talked about here refers to eternal separation from God.

### 3. What is sin?

- All wrongdoing is sin [1 John 5:17 AMP](#)
- sin is lawlessness. [1 John 3:4 NKJV](#)
- So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin. [James 4:17 AMP](#)

### 4. Have I sinned?

- all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God [Romans 3:23 NIV](#)

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<sup>1</sup> 4991 σωτηρία [SWTHRI/A] {sōtēria} \so-tay-ree'-ah\  
feminine of a derivative of 4990 as (properly, abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally):--deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.  
4990 σωτήρ [SWTH/R] {sōtēr} \so-tare\  
from 4982; a deliverer, i.e. God or Christ:--saviour.  
4982 σώζω [SW/ZW] {sōzō} \sode'-zo\  
from a primary ὁσ [SW=S] {sōs} (contraction for obsolete ὁσ [SA/OS] {sáos}, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively):--heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

- If we say that we have not sinned [refusing to admit acts of sin], we make Him [out to be] a liar [by contradicting Him] and His word is not in us. [1 John 1:10 AMP](#)

## 5. What can be done?

- If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us *continually* from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose]. [1 John 1:9 AMP](#)
- “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins [Acts 2:38 AMP](#)
- “Believe in the Lord Jesus [as your personal Savior and entrust yourself to Him] and you will be saved, you and your household [if they also believe].” [Acts 16:31 AMP](#)
- Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. [Psalm 32:5 NIV](#)

In simple terms

1. Admit you are a sinner (Repent of wrongdoing & confess that you are a sinner to God)
2. Believe in the Lord Jesus as your Personal Lord and Savior
3. Be Baptised in water

## 6. When should one turn to GOD?

- Turn to the Lord before it's too late. Call out to him while He's still ready to help you. [Isaiah 55:6 NIRV](#)
- For He says, “AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME (the time of grace) I LISTENED TO YOU, AND I HELPED YOU ON THE DAY OF SALVATION.” Behold, now is “THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,” behold, now is “THE DAY OF SALVATION” [2 Corinthians 6:2 AMP](#)

## 7. It is GOD's desire that all get saved

- Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [1 Timothy 2:4 NKJV](#)
- the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. [Isaiah 30:18 NASB](#)



## 8. Jesus is able to save us completely

- Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God *and* intercede with Him *and* intervene for them. [Hebrews 7:25 AMPC](#)

## 9. The peril of not accepting GOD's salvation

- How shall we escape [appropriate retribution] if we neglect and refuse to pay attention to such a great salvation [as is now offered to us, letting it drift past us forever]? [Hebrews 2:3 AMP](#)
- if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. [Revelation 20:15 NASB](#)

## 10. Never too late to pray for forgiveness

- One of the criminals who had been hanged [on a cross beside Him] kept hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us [from death]!" But the other one rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? We are suffering justly, because we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he was saying, "Jesus, [please] remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" Jesus said to him, "I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." [Luke 23:39-43 AMP](#)

## 11. Attitude in Praying for forgiveness

- But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am! I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted. [Luke 18:13-14 AMPC](#)
- And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [Luke 18:38 NKJV](#)

## 12. Suggested Prayer – “Sinner’s Prayer”

Almighty God  
I confess that I am a sinner.  
Please forgive me of all my sins.  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Your son.  
I believe that He took all my sins upon Himself & that He died and rose again.  
I receive Him into my life as my Lord and Saviour.  
In Jesus name I pray.  
Amen

## 13. What if I don't "feel" saved after the Sinner's Prayer

- Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. [Romans 8:1 AMP](#)
- Whoever believes *and* has decided to trust in Him [as personal Savior and Lord] is not judged [for this one, there is no judgment, no rejection, no condemnation] [John 3:18 AMP](#)

## 14. GOD’s attitude towards a forgiven Sinner

- “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” [Hebrews 10:17 NKJV](#)
- He will again take pity on us; He will trample on our wrongdoings. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea. [Micah 7:19 NASB](#)
- As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. [Psalm 103:12 NKJV](#)

## 15. What after Sinner’s Prayer?

- Water Baptism
- Holy Spirit Baptism
- Spend time with GOD daily i.e. Quiet Time
- Share the gospel (good news) with others i.e. Evangelism
- Study the Bible
- Fellowship with other Believers

## CHAPTER 2: SIN

### 1. Key Verse

- I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalms 32:5 NKJV](#)

### 2. What is sin?

- All wrongdoing is sin [1 John 5:17 AMP](#)
- So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin. [James 4:17 AMP](#)

### 3. Sin is primarily against GOD

- **Joseph:** How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God?” [Genesis 39:9 NASB](#)
- **David:** Against You, You only, have I sinned And done that which is evil in Your sight [Psalm 51:4 AMP](#)
- **GOD to Abimelech:** Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also kept you from sinning against Me [Genesis 20:6 NASB](#)

### 4. Am I a Sinner?

- all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God [Romans 3:23 NIV](#)
- If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude ourselves and the truth is not in us. [His word does not live in our hearts.] ... If we say that we have not sinned [refusing to admit acts of sin], we make Him [out to be] a liar [by contradicting Him] and His word is not in us. [1 John 1:8,10 AMP](#)

## 5. Consequences of Sin

### 1. Spiritual Death

- the wages of sin is death [Romans 6:23 KJV](#)

- Then when the illicit desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has run its course, it gives birth to death. [James 1:15 AMP](#)

## 2. Separation from GOD

- your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. [Isaiah 59:2 NKJV](#)

## 3. Physical Infirmary

- Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” [John 5:14 NKJV](#)
- Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. [Psalm 107:17 NKJV](#)
- Cut through *and* make smooth, straight paths for your feet [that are safe and go in the right direction], so that *the leg* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather may be healed. [Hebrews 12:13 AMP](#)

## 4. Wilderness

- So the Lord’s anger was kindled against the sons of Israel (Jacob) and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire generation of those who had done evil in the sight of the Lord was destroyed. [Numbers 32:13 AMP](#)
- For if you turn back from following Him [completely], He will once again leave them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all these people.” [Numbers 32:15 AMP](#)

## 5. Errors of judgement

- **Saul:** And the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had placed the people under oath, saying, “Cursed is the man who eats *any* food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies.” ... But Jonathan said, “My father has troubled the land. Look now, how my countenance has brightened because I tasted a little of this honey. How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?” [1 Samuel 14:24, 29-30 NKJV](#)
- **Absalom:** So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.” For the Lord had

purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom. [2 Samuel 17:14 NKJV](#)

## 6. Wrath of GOD

- Among these [unbelievers] we all once lived in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by the sinful self], indulging the desires of human nature [without the Holy Spirit] and [the impulses] of the [sinful] mind. We were, by nature, children [under the sentence] of [God's] wrath, just like the rest [of mankind]. [Ephesians 2:3 AMP](#)

## 5. Sequence of Sin

- Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God” [for temptation does not originate from God, but from our own flaws]; for God cannot be tempted by [what is] evil, and He Himself tempts no one. But each one is tempted when he is dragged away, enticed *and* baited [to commit sin] by his own [worldly] desire (lust, passion). Then when the illicit desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has run its course, it gives birth to death. [James 1:13-15 AMP](#)

### Example: Adam & Eve

- Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said<sup>1</sup> to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent <sup>1</sup>said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw<sup>2</sup> that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took<sup>3</sup> of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ...[only] from the tree of the knowledge (recognition) of good and evil you shall not eat, otherwise on the day that you eat from it, you shall most certainly die<sup>4</sup> [because of your disobedience].” [Genesis 3:1-6 ESV](#) & [Genesis 2:17 NASB](#)

Sequence: <sup>1</sup>Temptation + <sup>2</sup>Worldly Desire >> <sup>3</sup>Commit Sin >> <sup>4</sup>Death

See also

- For all that is in the world—the lust *and* sensual craving of the flesh and the lust *and* longing of the eyes and the boastful pride of life [pretentious confidence in one's resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father, but are from the world. [1 John 2:16 AMP](#)

## 6. What can be done?

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9 NKJV](#)
- Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. [Psalm 32:5 NIV](#)

## 7. Release from Sins

- If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose]. [1 John 1:9 AMP](#)
- To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood [Revelation 1:5 NASB](#)
- She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save<sup>2</sup> His people from their sins.” [Matthew 1:21 NASB](#)

## 8. God can keep us from sinning

- I have kept you from sinning against Me. [Genesis 20:6 BSB](#)
- I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart [Jeremiah 24:7 NKJV](#)
- I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may

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1. <sup>2</sup> 4982 σῶζω [SW/ZW] {sōzō} \sode'-zo\  
from a primary σῶς [SW=S] {sōs} (contraction for obsolete σάος [SA/OS] {sáos}, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively):--heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. [Ezekiel 11:19-20 NKJV](#)

## 9. Avoiding sin

- A prudent *and* far-sighted *person* sees the evil [of sin] and hides himself [from it], But the naive continue on and are punished [by suffering the consequences of sin]. [Proverbs 22:3 AMP](#)
- Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him [that is, a profound reverence for Him] will remain with you, so that you do not sin.” [Exodus 20:20 AMP](#)
- by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil. [Proverbs 16:6 NASB](#)
- How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God?” [Genesis 39:9 NASB](#)

## CHAPTER 3: REPENTANCE

### 1. Key Verse

- The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:9 NKJV](#)

### 2. Components

#### 1. "Initial" Repentance

- “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. [Acts 2:38, 41 AMP/NIV](#)
- He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy. [Proverbs 28:13 NKJV](#)

It is this initial repentance that makes one Born Again. See [Acts 2:38-41 NKJV](#)

#### 2. Daily Repentance: seeking forgiveness & forsaking evil

- My little children (believers, dear ones), I am writing you these things so that you will not sin *and* violate God’s law. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate [who will intercede for us] with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous [the upright, the just One, who conforms to the Father’s will in every way—purpose, thought, and action]. [1 John 2:1 AMP](#)
- Jesus said to him, “Anyone who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, and is completely clean. And you [My disciples] are clean, but not all *of you*.” [John 13:10 AMP](#)
- When Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money. “Give me this power as well,” he said, “so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter replied, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in our ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent, therefore, of your wickedness, and pray to the Lord. Perhaps He will forgive you for the intent of your heart. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and captive to iniquity.” [Acts 8:18-23 BSB](#)



The same Simon who believed earlier (see below) is now asked to repent.

- Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. [Acts 8:13 NKJV](#)

### 3. Restitution

- Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. [Luke 19:8,9 NIV](#)
- Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. [2 Corinthians 7:10-11 NIV](#)

### 4. Bear Fruit

- produce fruit that is consistent with repentance [demonstrating new behavior that proves a change of heart, and a conscious decision to turn away from sin] [Matthew 3:8 AMP](#)
- produce fruit that is worthy of [and consistent with your] repentance [that is, live changed lives, turn from sin and seek God and His righteousness]. [Luke 3:8-14 AMP](#)

### 5. Doing deeds & living lives consistent with repentance

- I openly proclaimed first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout the region of Judea, and *even* to the Gentiles, that they should repent [change their inner self—their old way of thinking] and turn to God, doing deeds *and* living lives which are consistent with repentance. [Acts 26:20 AMP](#)

## 3. Repentance Insights

## 1. First step in Salvation

- “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:38 BLB](#)

## 2. Pathway of Repentance

- Or do you have no regard for the wealth of His kindness and tolerance and patience [in withholding His wrath]? Are you [actually] unaware *or* ignorant [of the fact] that God’s kindness leads you to repentance [that is, to change your inner self, your old way of thinking—seek His purpose for your life]? [Romans 2:4 AMP](#)

## 3. Repentance primarily from GOD

- When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.” [Acts 11:18 NKJV](#)

## 4. Outcome of Repentance

- So repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins] and return [to God—seek His purpose for your life], so that your sins may be wiped away [blotted out, completely erased], so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [restoring you like a cool wind on a hot day] [Acts 3:19 AMP](#)

## 5. People who repented

- David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has allowed your sin to pass [without further punishment]; you shall not die. [2 Samuel 12:13 AMP](#)
- When word reached the king of Nineveh [of Jonah’s message from God], he rose from his throne, took off his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in the dust [in repentance]. [Jonah 3:6 AMP](#)
- Now when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes. [2 Kings 22:11 AMP](#)

## CHAPTER 4: WATER BAPTISM

### 1. Key Verses

- “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. [Acts 2:38a NIV](#)
- Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved [Mark 16:16 NIV](#)

### 2. Why?

#### 1. Baptism follows believing

- Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved [Mark 16:16 NIV](#)

#### 2. Baptism follows repenting

- Repent and be baptized [Acts 2:38 NIV](#)

#### 3. As the pledge of a clear conscience toward God

- this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ [1 Peter 3:21 NIV](#)

#### 4. As a sign of faithfulness & of being a true believer

- And when she was baptized, along with her household, she pleaded with us, saying, “If you have judged me *and* decided that I am faithful to the Lord [a true believer], come to my house and stay.” And she persuaded us. [Acts 16:15 AMP](#)

### 3. Who?

- As they continued along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch exclaimed, “Look! Water! What forbids me from being baptized?” [Philip said

to him, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he replied, “I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”] [Acts 8:36-37 AMP](#)

- So then, those who accepted his message were baptized; and on that day about 3,000 souls were added [to the body of believers]. [Acts 2:41 AMP](#)

## 4. When?

As soon as possible after repenting of sins/accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour.

- Now, why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins by calling on His name [for salvation].’ [Acts 22:16 AMP](#)

### Examples

- **Respondents to Peter’s message:** So then, those who accepted his message were baptized; and on that day about 3,000 souls were added [to the body of believers]. [Acts 2:41 AMP](#)
- **Ethiopian eunuch:** And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” [Acts 8:36 ESV](#)
- **Jailer and family:** At that hour of the night, the jailer took them and washed their wounds. And without delay, he and all his household were baptized. Then he brought them into his home and set a meal before them. So he and all his household rejoiced that they had come to believe in God. [Acts 16:33-34 BSB](#)
- **Paul:** At that instant, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and his sight was restored. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. [Acts 9:18-19 BSB](#)

Respondents to Peter’s message – same day

Ethiopian eunuch – as soon as he came across some water

Jailer and family – before giving the disciples any food

Paul – before eating any food (after fasting for 3 days)

## 5. All who repented & believed got baptised

### Examples:

- **Paul:** immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized [Acts 9:18 ESV](#)
- **Jailor and family:** At that hour of the night, the jailer took them and washed their wounds. And without delay, he and all his household were baptized. [Acts 16:33 BSB](#)

- **Cornelius, his relatives and close friends:** he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. [Acts 10:48 ESV](#)

## 6. Anything after Water Baptism?

Yes, receive the Holy Spirit. The same verse that says Repent and be baptised continues as follows:

- And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:38b NIV](#)

## CHAPTER 5: TONGUES

### 1. Key Verses

- And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues<sup>1</sup>; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” [Mark 16:17-18 NKJV](#)
- I thank God that I speak in [strange] tongues (languages) more than any of you or all of you put together [1 Corinthians 14:18 AMPC](#)

### 2. A Sign Of Receiving The Holy Spirit

- And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately]. [Acts 2:4 AMP](#)
- And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesying. [Acts 19:6 AMP](#)

### 3. Types of Tongues

#### 1. Different Languages

- And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately]... Astounded and amazed, they asked, “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? How is it then that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” [Acts 2:4 AMP](#) & [Acts 2:7-11 BSB](#)

#### 2. Unknown Tongues

- For one who speaks in an unknown tongue<sup>2</sup> does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands him *or* catches his meaning, but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things]. [1 Corinthians 14:2 AMP](#)

- I thank God that I speak in [unknown] tongues more than all of you [1 Corinthians 14:18 AMP](#)

## 4. When Do You Receive Tongues?

### After Water Baptism

- Peter answered them, “Every one of you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. [Acts 2:38 ISV](#)

Exceptions have happened but those who got Tongues before baptism got baptised immediately afterwards. See below

- While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message. And the believers from among the circumcised [the Jews] who came with Peter were surprised *and* amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed *and* poured out largely even on the Gentiles. For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and extolling *and* magnifying God. Then Peter asked, Can anyone forbid *or* refuse water for baptizing these people, seeing that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? And he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (the Messiah). Then they begged him to stay on there for some days. [Acts 10:44-48 AMPC](#)

## 5. How Do You Get Tongues?

### 1. Asking GOD

- If you, then, being evil [that is, sinful by nature], know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask *and* continue to ask Him!” [Luke 11:13 AMP](#)

### 2. Laying on of hands

- And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesying. [Acts 19:6 AMP](#)
- Then Peter and John laid their hands on them [one by one], and they received the Holy Spirit. [Acts 8:17 AMP](#)

## 6. Wonderfulness of Tongues

- For one who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands him *or* catches his meaning, but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things]. [1 Corinthians 14:2 AMP](#)

To summarise, **he who speaks in a tongue speaks to God!** How wonderful is that? When we pray in words we may wonder whether God has heard us or not. With tongues we never have to doubt that as we are speaking directly to God.

## 7. Benefits

### 1. Builds up- Confirms - Emboldens - Concretes

- One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church [promotes growth in spiritual wisdom, devotion, holiness, and joy]. [1 Corinthians 14:4 AMP](#)
- But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit [Jude 1:20 AMPC](#)

Edifies = **confirm, build(-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden, concretely**

Tongues confirm: Are you wavering? Speak in tongues.

Tongues embolden: Do you lack boldness? Speak in tongues.

### 2. Rest & Refreshing

- No, but [the Lord will teach the rebels in a more humiliating way] by men with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people [says Isaiah, and teach them His lessons]. To these [complaining Jews the Lord] had said, This is the true rest [the way to true comfort and happiness] that you shall give to the weary, and, This is the [true] refreshing—yet they would not listen [to His teaching]. [Isaiah 28:11-12 AMPC](#)

See also

- In the law it is written: “With *men of* other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,” says the Lord. [1 Corinthians 14:21 NKJV](#)



### 3. Mysteries

- For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands *or* catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]. [1 Corinthians 14:2 AMPC](#)

Nothing is a mystery to GOD. GOD can reveal to us the meaning of the mysteries we speak in tongues. See below

- But the natural [unbelieving] man does not accept the things [the teachings and revelations] of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness [absurd and illogical] to him; and he is incapable of understanding them, because they are spiritually discerned *and* appreciated, [and he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters]. [1 Corinthians 2:14 AMP](#)
- But if there is no one to interpret, the one [who wishes to speak in a tongue] must keep silent in church; let him speak to himself and to God. [1 Corinthians 14:28 AMP](#)

See examples

- Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. [Daniel 2:19 ESV](#)
- The king answered Daniel and said, “Most certainly your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery!” [Daniel 2:47 AMP](#)
- And they said to him, “We have [each] dreamed [distinct] dreams and there is no one to interpret them.” So Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell me [your dreams].” [Genesis 40:8 AMP](#)

## 8. Things happening with Tongues

- **Speaking:** But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? [1 Corinthians 14:6 NKJV](#)
- let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. [1 Corinthians 14:13 NKJV](#)
- **Praying:** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. [1 Corinthians 14:14 NKJV](#)
- **Singing:** I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. [1 Corinthians 14:15 NKJV](#)
- **Blessing & Thanksgiving:** For otherwise, if you bless God in the spirit *only*, how will the one who occupies the place of the outsider *know* to say the “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you are saying? [1 Corinthians 14:16 NKJV](#)

## 9. Frequency Of Use

- I thank God that I speak in [strange] tongues (languages) more than any of you or all of you put together [1 Corinthians 14:18 AMPC](#)

Implying that he was speaking in Tongues all the time. Possibly the secret of Paul's spirituality and fruitfulness. If GOD uses others more than you, could it not be that they did something more than you that caught His attention?

## 10. Pray with Tongues & Words

- I will pray with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will pray with the mind [using words I understand]; I will sing with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will sing with the mind [using words I understand]. [1 Corinthians 14:15 AMP](#)

Pray with tongues alternating with words.

## 11. Algorithm

Praying in **Tongues** → Building of **Faith** → **Command** (Power in Proclamation)

- **Tongues & Faith:** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. [Jude 20-21 NKJV](#)
- **Faith & Command:** The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you. [Luke 17:5-6 NASB 1995](#)

See also

- The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself [1 Corinthians 14:4 BSB](#)
- And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked privately, Why could we not drive it out? He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith [that is, your lack of firmly relying trust]. For truly I say to you, if you have faith [that is living] like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. *But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.* [Matthew 17:18-21 AMPC](#)

## 12. Next Steps

- Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may [be gifted to] translate *or* explain [what he says]. [1 Corinthians 14:13 AMP](#)

## CHAPTER 6: BORN AGAIN BELIEVER

### 1. Key Verses

- Jesus answered him, “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless a person is born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified], he cannot [ever] see *and* experience the kingdom of God.” [John 3:3 AMP](#)
- Jesus answered, “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot [ever] enter the kingdom of God. [John 3:5 AMP](#)
- Do not be surprised that I have told you, ‘You must be born again [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].’ [John 3:7 AMP](#)

### 2. Steps to becoming Born Again

- Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:38 NASB](#)
- He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. [Mark 16:16 NKJV](#)

Not enough to believe just that God exists. See below

- You believe that God is one; you do well [to believe that]. The demons also believe [that], and shudder *and* bristle [in awe-filled terror—they have seen His wrath]! [James 2:19 AMP](#)

### 3. Characteristics of Believers

#### 1. Miracles

- These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.” [Mark 16:17,18 AMP](#)
- I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father. [John 14:12 AMP](#)

Examples

- God was doing extraordinary *and* unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs *or* face-towels or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out [of them]. [Acts 19:11-12 AMP](#)
- And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. [Acts 5:14-16 ESV](#)

## 2. Outflow of the Holy Spirit

- He who believes in Me [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Me], as the Scripture has said, ‘From his innermost being will flow continually rivers of living water.’ But He was speaking of the [Holy] Spirit, whom those who believed in Him [as Savior] were to receive *afterward*. [John 7:38-39 AMP](#)

### Examples

- Then Peter and John laid their hands on them [one by one], and they received the Holy Spirit. [Acts 8:17 AMP](#)

## 3. Not Habitually Sin

- We know [with confidence] that anyone born of God does not *habitually* sin; but He (Jesus) who was born of God [carefully] keeps *and* protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. [1 John 5:8 AMP](#)

## 4. Insights

### 1. Believer becomes a child of GOD!

- For you [who are born-again have been reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified and] are all children of God [set apart for His purpose with full rights and privileges] through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union with the Christ, the Anointed] have clothed yourselves with Christ [that is, you have taken on His characteristics and values]. [Galatians 3:26-27 AMP](#)
- But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the

flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified]. [John 1:12-13 AMP](#)

## 2. Privileges for believers

- Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, My servants shall eat, But you shall be hungry; Behold, My servants shall drink, But you shall be thirsty; Behold, My servants shall rejoice, But you shall be ashamed; Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, But you shall cry for sorrow of heart, And wail for grief of spirit. [Isaiah 65:13-14 NKJV](#)

## 3. Believer-Unbeliever relationship

- Do not be unequally bound together with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what partnership can righteousness have with lawlessness? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [2 Corinthians 6:14 AMP](#)
- Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! [Psalms 1:1 NASB](#)

## CHAPTER 7: PRAYER

### 1. Key Verse

- You do not have<sup>3</sup> because you do not ask [it of God]. [James 4:2 AMP](#)

Have = possession; ability, can(+ -not), X conceive, diseased, eat, + enjoy, + fear, + recover, + reign, + rest, + return, X sick

In other words, we do not possess, have ability, enjoy, recover, reign, rest etc because we do not ask. And we are diseased, have fear, are sick etc because we do not ask.

### 2. GOD hears prayer

- I love the Lord, because He hears My voice and my supplications. [Psalm 116:1 NASB](#)
- O You who hear prayer, To You all men come. [Psalm 65:2 NASB](#)
- The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. [Psalm 34:15 NKJV](#)
- this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him. [1 John 5:14-15 AMPC](#)

### 3. How our Prayer is to GOD

- the prayer of the upright is His delight<sup>4</sup>. [Proverbs 15:8 BSB](#)
- Let my prayer be counted as incense before You [Psalm 141:2 AMP](#)
- when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. [Revelation 5:8 NKJV](#)

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<sup>3</sup> 2192 ἔχω [E]/XW {échō} \ekh'-o\ including an alternate form σχέω[SXE/W] {schēō} \skheh'-o\ (used in certain tenses only) a primary verb; to hold (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possession; ability, continuity, relation, or condition):--be (able, X hold, possessed with), accompany, + begin to amend, can(+ -not), X conceive, count, diseased, do + eat, + enjoy, + fear, following, have, hold, keep, + lack, + go to law, lie, + must needs, + of necessity, + need, next, + recover, + reign, + rest, + return, X sick, take for, + tremble, + uncircumcised, use

<sup>4</sup> 7522 רצון רצון [râtsôn râtsôn] \{raw-tsone'\ raw-tsone'\ From 7521; delight: - (be) acceptable ( {-ance} {-ed} ) {delight} {desire} {favour} (good) {pleasure} ( {own} {self} voluntary) {will} as . . . (what) would.

7521 רצה [râtsâh] \raw-tsaw'\ A primitive root; to be pleased with; **specifically to satisfy a debt**: - (be) accept ( {-able} ) {accomplish} set {affection} {approve} consent {with} delight ( {self} ) {enjoy} ( {be} have a) favour ( {-able} ) {like} {observe} {pardon} ( {be} {have} take) please ( {-ure} ) reconcile self.

- “FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE [looking favorably] UPON THE RIGHTEOUS (the upright), AND HIS EARS ARE ATTENTIVE TO THEIR PRAYER (eager to answer) [1 Peter 3:12 AMP](#)

## 4. Hinderances to prayer

- your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. [Isaiah 59:2 NKJV](#)
- If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened [Psalm 66:18 NIV 1984](#)

These are not reasons to despair and to not pray. Ask God for forgiveness and then pray. See also

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9 NKJV](#)

## 5. The Prayer GOD Always Hears

There is one prayer that God will always answer: A sinner’s repentant prayer; even if it is the vilest sinner!

### Examples

- **Ahab:** (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the Lord cast out before the people of Israel.) And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son’s days I will bring the disaster upon his house.” [1 Kings 21:25-29 ESV](#)
- **Cain:** Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, this day You have driven me from the face of the earth, and from Your face I will be hidden; I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” “Not so!” replied the LORD. “If anyone slays Cain, then Cain will be avenged sevenfold.” And the LORD placed a mark on Cain, so that no one who found him would kill him. [Genesis 4:13-15 BSB](#)

### God will hear a sinner’s prayer for forgiveness

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9 NKJV](#)



- Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. [Psalm 32:5 NIV](#).

## 6. Blanket Prayer Promises

- Ask *and* keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek *and* keep on seeking and you will find; knock *and* keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened. [Matthew 7:7-8 AMP](#)
- If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. [John 14:14 NASB](#)
- whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. [John 16:23 NKJV](#)

## 7. Answered Prayer source of Joy

- Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name [as presenting all that I Am]; but now ask *and* keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full *and* complete. [John 16:24 AMPC](#)

## 8. How To Pray

### A1. Pray in Advance

#### Example 1

- **Jesus:** When Jesus saw that a crowd had come running, He rebuked the unclean spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” He said, “I command you to come out and never enter him again.” After shrieking and convulsing him violently, the spirit came out... After Jesus had gone into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” Jesus answered, “This kind cannot come out, except by prayer and fasting.” [Mark 5:25-26,28-29 BSB](#)

Jesus cast out the evil spirit with just a few words. When His disciples asked Him why they could not cast out the evil spirit, His reply would imply that His time in prayer and fasting earlier enabled Him to do what they could not.

#### Example 2

- Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [John 11:41 BSB](#)

This passage said in the context of Lazarus being raised from the dead would imply that the Lord Jesus had prayed in advance for him (Lazarus) to be raised from the dead and His getting the assurance before the actual event happened.

### Example 3

- In those days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and He spent the night in prayer to God. When daylight came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also designated as apostles [Luke 6:12-13 BSB](#)

Before choosing His disciples, He spent the night in prayer.

### Example 4

- **Nehemiah:** When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. [Nehemiah 1:4 NIV 1984](#)
- The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king ... It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.... And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests. [Nehemiah 2:2-8 NIV 1984](#)

Nehemiah had prayed earlier for a longer period of time, so when the the King asked him, he was able to do a quick prayer and make several requests, all of which were granted by the King.

## A2. Pray with Agreement

- “Again I say to you, that if two believers on earth agree [that is, are of one mind, in harmony] about anything that they ask [within the will of God], it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. [Matthew 18:19 AMP](#)

### Examples

- When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. [Acts 2:1-4 NKJV](#)
- Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church... Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and

were amazed. But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. [Acts 12:5,16-17 ESV](#)

## A3. Pray and ...

### 1. Command

- But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. [Acts 9:40 NKJV](#)

### 2. Do

- **Prayer:** David was told, “Ahithophel [your counselor] is among the conspirators with Absalom.” David said, “O Lord, I pray You, turn Ahithophel’s counsel into foolishness.” [2 Samuel 15:31 AMP](#)
- **Doing:** But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, ‘I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father’s servant in the past, so I will be your servant now;’ then you can thwart (make useless) the advice of Ahithophel for me. [2 Samuel 15:34 AMP](#)
- **Outcome:** Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than that of Ahithophel.” For the Lord had ordained to thwart the good advice of Ahithophel, so that the Lord could bring disaster upon Absalom. [2 Samuel 17:14 AMP](#)

### 3. Lay Hands

- And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. [Acts 6:5-6 BSB](#)
- They came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for He had not yet fallen on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus [as His possession]. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them [one by one], and they received the Holy Spirit. [Acts 8:15-17 AMP](#)
- And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. [Acts 28:8 NKJV](#)

See also

- These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.” [Mark 16:17-18 AMP](#)

## B1. Pray Believing

- For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it]. [Mark 11:24 AMPC](#)
- But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. [Hebrews 11:6 NKJV](#)

## C1. Pray with Confession

- While I was speaking, praying, confessing my sin and that of my people Israel, and presenting my petition before the LORD my God concerning His holy mountain— while I was still praying, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. [Daniel 9:20-21 BSB](#)
- please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You, day and night, on behalf of Your servants, the sons (descendants) of Israel (Jacob), confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have committed against You; I and my father’s house have sinned. [Nehemiah 1:6 AMP](#)

## C2. Pray with Confidence

- Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. [Hebrews 4:16 BSB](#)
- Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. [1 John 3:21-22 NKJV](#)
- This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears *and* listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him. [1 John 5:14-15 AMP](#)

See examples of those who prayed with confidence

- **David:** The LORD hears *and* responds when I call to Him. [Psalm 4:3 AMP](#)
- **Jesus:** I knew that You always hear Me *and* listen to Me; but I have said this because of the people standing around, so that they may believe that You have sent Me [and that You have made Me Your representative].” [John 11:42 AMP](#)

### C3. Pray Continually

- pray continually [1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV](#)
- Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up *and* lose heart [Luke 18:1 AMP](#)
- Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. [Acts 12:5 KJV](#)
- With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God’s people. [Ephesians 6:18 AMP](#)

Examples of those who prayed continually

- **Apostles:** we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” [Acts 6:4 NKJV](#)
- **Paul:** I thank God that I speak in [unknown] tongues more than all of you [1 Corinthians 14:18 AMP](#)

### E1. Pray bringing your enemies before GOD

- Incline Your ear, LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to taunt the living God. [2 Kings 19:16 NASB](#)
- And now, Lord, observe their threats [take them into account] and grant that Your bond-servants may declare Your message [of salvation] with great confidence [Acts 4:29 AMP](#)

### Simile

- And Esther said, If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the dinner that I have prepared for the king. [Esther 5:4 AMPC](#)
- And Esther said, “The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman!” So Haman was terrified before the king and queen. [Esther 7:6 NKJV](#)

## E2. Pray Expectantly

- In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will prepare [a prayer and a sacrifice] for You and watch *and* wait [for You to speak to my heart]. [Psalm 5:3 AMP](#)
- he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. [Hebrews 11:6 NKJV](#)
- “Ask *and* keep on asking and it will be given to you ... For everyone who keeps on asking receives [Matthew 7:7-8 AMP](#)
- But know that the LORD has set apart the godly person for Himself; The LORD hears when I call to Him. [Psalm 4:3 NASB](#)

## F1. Pray with Fasting

- this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. [Luke 2:37 NKJV](#)
- Then after fasting and praying, they laid their hands on them [in approval and dedication] and sent them away [on their first journey]. [Acts 13:3 AMP](#)
- You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high<sup>a</sup>. [Isaiah 58:4 NIV](#)

<sup>a</sup>This verse suggests that fasting correctly can get GOD’s attention.

## F2. Pray Fervently

- The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) is able to accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. [James 5:16 AMP](#)
- “But now, do indeed plead for God’s favor, so that He will be gracious to us. [Malachi 1:9 NASB](#)
- Pour out your heart before Him. [Psalm 62:8 AMP](#)

To summarise different versions, James 5:16 reads “The heartfelt continued prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”.

### Examples

- **Jesus:** And being in agony, He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. [Luke 22:44 NASB](#)
- **Jacob:** Yes, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed; He wept and implored His favor. [Hosea 12:4 NASB](#)
- **Hannah:** In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. ... I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. [1 Samuel 1:10,15 NIV](#)

- **The Church (Believers):** Peter was kept in prison, but the church was fervently praying to God for him. [Acts 12:5 BSB](#)

### F3. Pray Frequently

- But *Jesus* Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray. [Luke 5:16 NASB](#)
- Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he went into his house (now in his roof chamber his windows were open toward Jerusalem); he continued to get down on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. [Daniel 6:10 AMP](#)

### G1. Pray to GOD The Father

- if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. [John 16:23 NASB](#)

### M1. Pray Much

- Isaac prayed much to the Lord for his wife ... [Genesis 25:21 AMPC](#)
- In her bitter distress, Hannah prayed to the LORD and wept with many tears. [1 Samuel 1:10 BSB](#)
- Now it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer with God. [Luke 6:12 NASB](#)

### P1. Pray with Perseverance

- “Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you ... For everyone who keeps on asking receives [Matthew 7:7-8 AMP](#)
- be unceasing and persistent in prayer [1 Thessalonians 5:17 AMP](#)
- Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up and lose heart [Luke 18:1 AMP](#)
- as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, Until He has mercy on us. [Psalm 123:2 NKJV](#)
- Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly] [1 Thessalonians 5:17 AMP](#)

### Examples:

- **Daniel:** At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over. [Daniel 10:2-3 NIV](#)
- Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in *response to* your words. [Daniel 10:12 NKJV](#)
- **Elijah:** Ahab went up to eat and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bent down to the earth and put his face between his knees. [1 Kings 18:42 NKJV](#)
- seven times he said, “Go again.” Then it came to pass the seventh *time*, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare *your chariot*, and go down before the rain stops you.’” [1 Kings 18:43-44 NKJV](#)
- **Persistent widow:** Yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will defend *and* protect *and* avenge her, lest she give me intolerable annoyance and wear me out by her continual coming or at the last she come and rail on me or assault me or strangle me. [Luke 18:5 AMPC](#)
- **Syrophoenician woman:** Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician descent. And she *repeatedly* asked Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. [Mark 7:26 NASB](#)

**Persevere** definition: “continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.” Reference: [Oxford Languages](#).

## P2. Pray till Prayed Through

Praying Through refers to praying either till

1. you get the assurance that God has heard your Prayer or
2. till you get the answer in the physical realm.

In the context of this study, we look at the former i.e. Inner Assurance before Actual Physical event.

### Key Verses

- as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He has mercy upon us. [Psalm 123:2 ESV](#)
- The LORD hears *and* responds<sup>5</sup> when I call to Him. [Psalm 4:3 AMP](#)
- On the day I called, You answered<sup>6</sup> me; You made me bold with strength in my soul. [Psalm 138:3 NASB](#)

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<sup>5</sup> The surest way of knowing that anyone has heard us is our getting a response from them.

<sup>6</sup> If He responded to David, He is "obliged" to respond to you.



- Leave me, all you who practice injustice, For the Lord has heard<sup>7</sup> the sound of my weeping. The Lord has heard my pleading, The Lord receives my prayer. All my enemies will<sup>8</sup> be put to shame and greatly horrified; They shall turn back, they will suddenly be put to shame. [Psalm 6:8-10 NASB](#)
- *But* certainly God has heard *me*; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. [Psalm 66:19 NKJV](#)

### Example 1

- **Lazarus:** Now a man named Lazarus was sick... So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” ... After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” ... Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ... Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard<sup>9</sup> me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. [John 11:1-44 BSB](#)

The above underlined would suggest that Jesus got assurance from God the Father beforehand that Lazarus would be raised from the dead. Could this not be the reason that He stayed back when He heard that Lazarus was sick? i.e. to Pray Through

### Example 2

- **Ezra:** And there by the Ahava Canal I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask Him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. For I was ashamed to ask the king for an escort of soldiers and horsemen to protect us from our enemies on the road, since we had told him, “The hand of our God is gracious to all who seek Him, but His great anger is against all who forsake Him. So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He granted our request... We set out from the river Ahava on the twelfth [day] of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and the hand of our God was upon us, and He rescued us from the hand of the enemy and those who lay in ambushes along the way. [Ezra 8:21-23 BSB](#) & [8:31 AMP](#)

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<sup>7</sup> heard = past tense implying already received inner assurance.

<sup>8</sup> will/shall = future tense implying actual event yet to happen in the future.

<sup>9</sup> What prayer is Jesus alluding to here when He says "heard"? Prayer to GOD for Lazarus.

The above passages suggest that Ezra got assurance from God beforehand that they would have a safe journey, though the journey happened only later.

### Example 3

- **Hannah:** But Hannah answered and said, “No, my lord, I *am* a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now.” Then Eli answered and said, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.” And she said, “Let your maidservant find favor in your sight.” So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad ... So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the Lord.” [1 Samuel 1:15-20 NKJV](#)

Hannah “went away” and was “no longer sad” as she knew her prayer had been heard i.e. Prayed Through.

### P3. Pray so that Power may be Replenished

- When the woman heard about Jesus, she came up through the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. For she kept saying, “If only I touch His garments, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction. At once Jesus was aware that power had gone out from Him. Turning to the crowd, He asked, “Who touched My garments?” [Mark 5:27-30 BSB](#)
- However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So<sup>10</sup> He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. [Luke 5:15-16 NKJV](#)

In the above passages, putting two and two together, one could possibly infer that when people got healed, power left the Lord Jesus which He got replenished through prayer.

### P4. Pray while in God's Presence

- On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask! What shall I give you?” And Solomon said to God: ... Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?” [2 Chronicles 1:7-10 NKJV](#)

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<sup>10</sup> 1161 δὲ [DE/] {dé} \deh\ a primary particle (adversative or continuative); but, and, etc.:--also, and, but, moreover, now (often unexpressed in English).

## Simile

- Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner courtyard of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace. When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the courtyard, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which *was* in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the top of the scepter. Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Up to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you." Esther said, "If it pleases the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him." [Esther 5:1-5 NASB](#)
- So the king and Haman came to dine with Esther the queen. And the king said again to Esther on the second day when wine was being served, What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted. And what is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom, it shall be performed. Then Queen Esther said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition and my people at my request. [Esther 7:1-3 AMPC](#)

Esther approaching the King was preceded by

- Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants also will fast in the same way. And then I will go in to the king, which is not in accordance with the law; and if I perish, I perish." [Esther 4:15-16 NASB](#)

See also

- Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of *our* need. [Hebrews 4:16 NASB](#)

Enter GOD's Presence through Worship.

## P5. Pray Prioritising

- Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, urging them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be killed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. [Daniel 2:17-18 BSB](#)

## Q1. Pray Quoting GOD's Name

- Asa cried<sup>11</sup> to the Lord his God, “O Lord, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are our God; let not man prevail against you.” [2 Chronicles 14:11 ESV](#)

Cried = **properly address by {name}**

E.g. Pray quoting Jehovah Jireh when praying regarding finances.

## R1. Pray "Reminding" God

- Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, and said, “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what is good* in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying, “Go and tell Hezekiah, “Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years. [Isaiah 38:2-5 NKJV](#)
- On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves [Isaiah 62:6 NASB 1977](#)

## S1. Pray using Scripture Examples

### Key Verses:

- For God shows no partiality [no arbitrary favoritism; with Him one person is not more important than another]. [Romans 2:11 AMP](#)
- Then Peter began to speak: “I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism [Acts 10:34 BSB](#)
- For the LORD your God is the God of all gods, the LORD of all lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who does not show favoritism or take bribes. [Deuteronomy 10:17 ISV](#)

### Example:

- Lady healed touching hem of His garment: suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour. [Matthew 9:20-22 NKJV](#)

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<sup>11</sup> קרא [qârâ'] \kaw-raw'\primitive root (rather identical with 7122 through the idea of *accosting* a person met); to *call* out to (that {is} **properly address by {name}**) but used in a wide variety of applications

- Others healed touching hem of His garment: when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well. [Matthew 14:36 NKJV](#)

He healed a lady who touched the hem of his garment. Later on others were healed touching the hem of his garment. What God did for anyone else, He can do for you. Find scripture verses that pertain to what you want that God did for others and ask the same for yourself. See examples below:

- **Full Life Span & Health:** Moses *was* one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. [Deuteronomy 34:7 NKJV](#)
- **Deliverance from enemies:** Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. [2 Samuel 22:1 NKJV](#)

## S2. Pray using Scripture Promises

- **Protection:** The LORD will protect you from all harm [Psalm 121:7 HCSB](#)
- **Finances:** He himself shall dwell in prosperity [Psalm 25:13 NKJV](#)
- **Healing:** I am the LORD, your healer.” [Exodus 15:26 ESV](#)

While praying, use promises God has given. See below

- This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears *and* listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him. [1 John 5:14-15 AMP](#)

## S3. Pray in Secret

- But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.“ [Matthew 6:6 NASB](#)

See examples

- And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. [Matthew 14:23 NKJV](#)

- And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He *was* alone on the land. [Mark 6:46-47 NKJV](#)
- But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray [in seclusion]. [Luke 5:16 AMP](#)
- Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles [Luke 6:12-13 NKJV](#)

## S4. Pray Specifically

- First of all, then, I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This [kind of praying] is good and acceptable *and* pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge *and* recognition of the [divine] truth. [1 Timothy 2:1-4 AMP](#)
- With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people. [Ephesians 6:18 AMP](#)

See examples

- In the days of His earthly life, Jesus offered up both [specific] petitions and [urgent] supplications [for that which He needed] with fervent crying and tears to the One who was [always] able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission toward God [His sinlessness and His unfailing determination to do the Father's will]. [Hebrews 5:7 AMP](#)
- Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." ... For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my request which I asked of Him. [1 Samuel 1:11 NKJV](#) & [1:27 NASB](#)
- He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves [Luke 11:5 NKJV](#)

## T1. Pray with Tenacity

### Examples

- **Shunammite woman:** Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the

man of God said, “Let her alone; for her soul is in deep distress, and the LORD has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me.”...The mother of the boy said, “As *surely* as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will not leave you.” **So** he got up and followed her. [2 Kings 4:27 NKJV](#) & [4:30 NASB](#)

- **Epaphras:** He is always wrestling in prayer for you, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in the full will of God. [Colossians 4:12 BSB](#)
- **Jacob:** Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day... And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” [Genesis 32:24,26 NKJV](#)

How Jacob wrestled:

- Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. [Hosea 12:4 NKJV](#)
- Yes, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed; He wept and implored His favor. [Hosea 12:4 NASB](#)

## T2. Pray with Tongues

- if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays [1 Corinthians 14:14 AMP](#)
- I will pray with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] [1 Corinthians 14:15 AMP](#)
- But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. [Jude 20-21 NASB](#)

## W1. Pray with Words & Tongues

- For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive [because it does not understand what my spirit is praying]. Then what am I to do? I will pray with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will pray with the mind [using words I understand]; I will sing with the spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me] and I will sing with the mind [using words I understand]. [1 Corinthians 14:14-15 AMP](#)

Pray in your language alternating with tongues.

## Y1. Pray Yourself

- On hearing this report, King Hezekiah tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and entered the house of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the scribe, and the leading priests, all wearing sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz to tell him, “This is what Hezekiah says: ...



Therefore lift up a prayer for the remnant that still survives.” [Isaiah 37:1-4 BSB](#)

In the above verses, King Hezekiah asks Prophet Isaiah to pray. But see verses below:

- So Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers, read it, and went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: ...
- Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Because you have prayed to Me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him: ...
- Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 men in the camp of the Assyrians. When the people got up the next morning, there were all the dead bodies! So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there. One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer put him to the sword and escaped to the land of Ararat. And his son Esar-haddon reigned in his place. [Isaiah 37:14-15, 21-22, 36-38 BSB](#)

In the latter verses, Hezekiah prayed to GOD himself (GOD specifically says this when He replies). This resulted in not just Isaiah giving a prophesy but in GOD destroying 185,000 Assyrians.

Read the same account in [2 Kings 19 BSB](#) & [2 Chronicles 32:20-21 AMP](#)

It’s good if we can get others to pray for us. Better still if we can pray ourselves.

## 9. Kinds of Prayer

- Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. [Ephesians 6:18 BSB](#)

As suggested above, there are different kinds of prayer; few examples given below

### 1. Supplication

- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication<sup>12</sup>, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV](#)

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<sup>12</sup> 1162 δέησις [DE/HSIS] {déēsis} \deh'-ay-sis\ from 1189; a petition:--prayer, request, supplication. 1189 δέομαι [DE/OMAI] {déomai} \deh'-om-ahee\ middle voice of 1210; **to beg** (as binding oneself), i.e. petition:--**beseech**, pray (to), make request. Compare 4441.



## Examples

- **Jesus:** In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. [Hebrews 5:7 NASB](#)
- **Psalmist:** I love the LORD, because He hears [and continues to hear] My voice and my supplications<sup>13</sup> (my pleas, my cries, my specific needs). [Psalm 116:1 AMP](#)

## 2. Groanings

- Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [Romans 8:26 NKJV](#)

## 3. Intercession

- With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people. [Ephesians 6:18 AMP](#)

## Examples

- **Moses:** Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” [Exodus 32:32 NKJV](#)
- **Job:** So now, take seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. Then My servant Job will pray for you, for I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken accurately about Me, as My servant Job has.” [Job 42:8 BSB](#)

# 10. Levels of Prayer

**Context:** Israelites war against Benjamites.

3 Days – 3 Approaches – 3 Outcomes.

Read full passage: [Judges 20:15-35 AMPC](#)

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<sup>13</sup> 8469 תַּחֲנוּנָה תַּחֲנוּנָה [tachănûn tachănûnâh] \{takh-an-oon'\ takh-an-oo-naw'\ From 2603; earnest prayer: - {intreaty} supplication.

## 1. Asking

- **Day 1:** The Israelites arose and went up to the house of God [Bethel] and asked counsel of God and said, Which of us shall take the lead to battle against the Benjamites? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up first. [Judges 20:18 AMPC](#)
- **Outcome:** The Benjamites came forth out of Gibeah and felled to the ground that day 22,000 men of the Israelites. [Judges 20:21 AMPC](#)

Day 1: Defeated by enemies.

## 2. Supplication

- **Day 2:** And the Israelites went up and wept before the Lord until evening and asked of the Lord, Shall we go up again to battle against our brethren the Benjamites? And the Lord said, Go up against them. [Judges 20:23 AMPC](#)
- **Outcome:** And Benjamin went forth out of Gibeah against them the second day and felled to the ground the Israelites again, 18,000 men, all of whom were swordsmen. [Judges 20:25 AMPC](#)

Day 2: Defeated by enemies – less casualties.

Supplication here implied as meaning prayer with weeping.

## 3. Supplication + Fasting + Offerings

- **Day 3:** Then all the Israelites, the whole army, went up and came to the house of God [Bethel] and wept; and they sat there before the Lord and fasted that day until evening and offered burnt offerings<sup>14</sup> and peace offerings<sup>15</sup> before the Lord. [Judges 20:26 AMPC](#)
- **Outcome:** And the Lord overcame Benjamin before Israel, and the Israelites destroyed of the Benjamites that day 25,100 men, all of whom were swordsmen. [Judges 20:35 AMPC](#)

Day 3: Defeated enemies.

Conclusion: It was only when the Israelites went before GOD with Supplication, Fasting & Offerings that they were able to defeat the Benjamites.

Both burnt and peace offerings refer to sacrifices (See superscripts)

Burnt offering = (**sacrifice**)

Peace offerings = (**voluntary sacrifice in thanks**)

# 11. Prayer Combinations

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<sup>14</sup> 5930 עולה עלה [ʻôlâh ʻôlâh] \{o-law'\ o-law\ Feminine active participle of 5927; a step or (collectively {stairs} as ascending); usually a holocaust (as going up in smoke): - {ascent} burnt offering (**sacrifice**) go up to. See also 5766.

<sup>15</sup> 8002 שלם [shelem] \sheh'-lem\

From 7999; properly {requital} that {is} a (**voluntary sacrifice in thanks**): - peace offering.

- if My people who are called by My name will humble<sup>14</sup> themselves, and pray<sup>15</sup> and seek<sup>16</sup> My face, and turn<sup>17</sup> from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. [2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV](#)
- While I was still speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, while I was still speaking in prayer and extremely exhausted, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me about the time of the evening sacrifice. [Daniel 9:20-21 AMP](#)
- Now while Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and laying himself face down before the house of God, a very large group from Israel, of men, women, and children, gathered to him, for the people wept bitterly. [Ezra 10:1 AMP](#)

## 12. Prayer Transforms Us

- **Jesus:** As He was praying, the appearance of His face became different [actually transformed], and His clothing *became white and flashing* with the brilliance of lightning. [Luke 9:26 AMP](#)
- **Moses:** When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand, he did not know that the skin of his face was shining [with a unique radiance] because he had been speaking with God. [Exodus 34:29 AMP](#)

Jesus's appearance changed as He was praying. We can all pray to God. Moses's face shone because he had been speaking with God.

## 13. Granted Prayer

- For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it]. [Mark 11:24 AMPC](#)

Granted Now. Received Later. So keep on Praying. While praying, use promises God has given. See below

- This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears *and* listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him. [1 John 5:14-15 AMP](#)

The essence of the above passage is that for things we know to be definitely GOD's will e.g. Health, Protection, Prosperity etc, if we pray for these, they are granted to us and by persevering in prayer we can get them.

## 14. Posture In Prayer

### 1. Kneeling in Prayer

- Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. [Psalm 95:6 NASB 1977](#)
- When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. [Daniel 6:10 ESV](#)
- He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray [Luke 22:41 NASB](#)
- Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. [Acts 9:40 NKJV](#)

### 2. Lifting up hands in Prayer

- Let my prayer be set before You *as incense*, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. [Psalm 141:2 NKJV](#)
- I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands [1 Timothy 2:8 NKJV](#)

See examples

- So Moses left the city from *his meeting* with Pharaoh, and spread out his hands to the LORD; and the thunder and the hail stopped, and rain no longer poured on the earth. [Exodus 9:33 NASB](#)
- As long as Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed; but when he lowered them, Amalek prevailed. [Exodus 17:11 BSB](#)

### 3. Kneeling and Lifting Hands

- And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. [1 Kings 8:54 NKJV](#)
- at the evening sacrifice I rose from my fasting, with my garment and my cloak torn, and fell upon my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God [Ezra 9:5 ESV](#)

God will still hear all sincere prayers irrespective of posture. See below

- Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD [Isaiah 38:2 NASB](#)
- “O LORD, God of my master Abraham,” he prayed, “please grant me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. Here I am, standing beside the spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. [Genesis 24:12-13 BSB](#)
- When I heard these words, I sat down and wept. I mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. [Nehemiah 1:4 BSB](#)

## 15. GOD answers even "casual" prayers ...

- Abraham fell facedown. Then he laughed and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah give birth at the age of ninety?” And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live under Your blessing!” But God replied, “Your wife Sarah will indeed bear you a son, and you are to name him Isaac. I will establish My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you, and I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He will become the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. [Genesis 17:17-20 BSB](#)
- I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications<sup>16</sup>. [Psalm 116:1 NASB 1995](#)

One could say that Abraham was saying this prayer out of frustration. Here David by “voice” is talking about “non intense” prayers; contrast with “supplications” mentioned in the same verse being an example of intense prayer. GOD answers even “casual” prayers especially from those who walk with Him.

## 16. Reasons for Lack

### 1. Not Asking

- You do not have<sup>17</sup> because you do not ask. [James 4:2 NASB](#)

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<sup>16</sup> 8469 תַּחֲנוּנָה תַּחֲנוּנָה [tachănûn tachănûnâh] \{takh-an-oon'\} takh-an-oo-naw'\ From 2603; earnest prayer: - {intreaty} supplication.

<sup>17</sup> 2192 ἔχω [E]/XW] {échō} \ekh'-o\ including an alternate form ὀχέω [SXE/W] {schéō} \skheh'-o\ (used in certain tenses only) a primary verb; to hold (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possession; ability, continuity, relation, or condition):--be (able, X hold, possessed with), accompany, + begin to amend, can(+ -not), X conceive, count, diseased, do + eat, + enjoy, + fear, following, have, hold, keep, + lack, + go to law, lie, + must needs, + of necessity, + need, next, + recover, + reign, + rest, + return, X sick, take for, + tremble, + uncircumcised, use.

- So if you, *despite* being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! [Matthew 7:11 NASB](#)

See example

- But he said to his father, ‘Look! These many years I have served you, and I have never neglected *or* disobeyed your command. Yet you have never given me [so much as] a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends ...The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [Luke 15:29 AMP](#) & [Luke 15:31 AMP](#)

The above example suggests that the older son could have asked for or taken whatever he needed. Asking is a prerequisite of Heaven. ([Matthew 7:11 NASB](#))

## 2. Not asking GOD

- They do not cry out to Me from their heart When they wail on their beds [in unbelieving despair] [Hosea 7:14 AMP](#)

# 17. What to Pray

## 1. "For" GOD

- **GOD Himself:** My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. [Psalm 84:2 NKJV](#)
- **Holy Spirit:** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” [Luke 11:13 NKJV](#)

[Psalm 84:2 NKJV](#): Note that here, David is praying “for” God (not “to” God).

## 2. For Family

- **Spouse:** Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife [Genesis 25:21 NKJV](#)
- **Children:** “Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children [Lamentations 2:19 ESV](#)

## 3. For Other things

### Examples

- **Souls:** Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. [Psalm 2:8 NKJV](#)
- **Good things:** So if you, *despite* being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! [Matthew 7:11 NASB](#)
- **Authorities:** First of all, then, I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. [1 Timothy 2:1-2 AMP](#)

## 18. Quick Answer to Prayer

### 1. While praying

#### Promise

- It shall also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. [Isaiah 65:24 AMP](#)

#### Examples

- **Eliezer:** Before Eliezer had finished speaking (praying), Rebekah came out with her [water] jar on her shoulder. Rebekah was the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. [Genesis 24:15 AMP](#)
- **Daniel:** While I was still speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, while I was still speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in *my* extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. [Daniel 9:20-21 NASB](#)

### 2. Same day

#### Promise

- Call on Me in the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you shall honor *and* glorify Me.” [Psalm 50:15 AMP](#)

#### Examples

- **David:** On the day I called, You answered me; And You made me bold *and* confident with [renewed] strength in my life. [Psalm 138:3 AMP](#)

- **Samuel:** I will call on the LORD to send thunder and rain, so that you will know and see what a great evil you have committed in the sight of the LORD by asking for a king.” So Samuel called to the LORD, and on that day the LORD sent thunder and rain. [1 Samuel 12:17-18 BSB](#)
- **Hezekiah:** Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, “Please, O LORD, remember how I have walked before You faithfully and with wholehearted devotion; I have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had left the middle courtyard, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Go back and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people that this is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: ‘I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. I will surely heal you. [2 Kings 20:2-5 BSB](#)
- **Elijah:** Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. [James 5:18 NASB](#)
- Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees ... In a little while, the heavens were black with wind-swept clouds, and there was a great rain. [1 Kings 18:42&45 AMPC](#)

## Praying for a quick answer

- But I *am* poor and needy; *Yet* the LORD thinks upon me. You *are* my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God. [Psalm 40:17 NKJV](#)
- But I *am* poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You *are* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay. [Psalm 70:5 NKJV](#)
- A Psalm of David. LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. [Psalm 141:1 NKJV](#)
- O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.” [Daniel 9:19 NKJV](#)

## Key to quick answer to Prayer

- And will not [our just] God defend *and* avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf? I tell you that He will defend *and* avenge them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?” [Luke 18:7-8 AMP](#)

Persistent Fervent Prayer results in Quick Answer to Prayer.

## 19. Prayer Insights



## 1. Ask GOD to help you ask

- You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires. [James 4:3 AMP](#)

Example of asking GOD to ask for right things

- The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king ... It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.... And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests. [Nehemiah 2:2-8 NIV 1984](#)

See also

- Now Esther was the daughter of Abihail, the uncle from whom Mordecai had adopted her as his own daughter. And when it was her turn to go to the king, she did not ask for anything except what Hegai, the king’s trusted official in charge of the harem, had advised. And Esther found favor in the eyes of everyone who saw her. [Esther 2:15 BSB](#)

We need wisdom to ask for the right things.

## 2. Dare to ask for the "Impossible"

- Is anything too difficult *or* too wonderful for the Lord? [Genesis 18:14 AMP](#)
- ‘Oh, Lord GOD! Behold, You Yourself have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You [Jeremiah 32:17 NASB](#)
- For with God nothing [is or ever] shall be impossible.” [Luke 1:37 AMP](#)

### Examples

- **Joshua:** Then Joshua spoke to the Lord on the day when the Lord handed over the Amorites to the sons of Israel, and Joshua said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still at Gibeon, And moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation [of Israel] took vengeance upon their enemies. Is it not written in the Book of Jashar? So the sun stood still in the middle of the sky and was in no hurry to go down for about a whole day. There has not been a day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to (heeded) the voice of a man; for the Lord was fighting for Israel. [Joshua 10:12-14 AMP](#)
- **Elijah:** Elijah said to her, “Give me your son.” So he took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on this widow who has opened her home to me, by causing her son to die?” Then he stretched himself out over the child three times and cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, please let this boy’s life return to him!” And the

LORD listened to the voice of Elijah, and the child's life returned to him, and he lived. [1 Kings 17:19-22 BSB](#)

This was the first recorded raising of the dead.

These examples demonstrate that you do not need precedence (it having happened before) for God to do something altogether new for you.

### 3. The Power of One Man's Prayer

- Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth yielded its crops. [James 5:17-18 BSB](#)
- So Jehoahaz pleaded with the Lord, and the Lord listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. Then the Lord gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before. [2 Kings 13:4-5 NKJV](#)
- And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation." Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God ... So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people. [Exodus 32:9-14 NKJV](#)
- They forgot God their Savior, who did great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. So He said He would destroy them—had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach to divert His wrath from destroying them. [Psalm 106:21-23 BSB](#)

One man's prayer can change a nation's destiny.

### 4. Devotion to Prayer

- Devote yourselves to prayer [Colossians 4:2 NASB](#)
- *Be ... devoted to prayer ...* [Romans 12:10-13 NASB](#)

See examples

- **David:** I am a man of prayer. [Psalm 109:4 BSB](#)
- **Paul:** I thank God that I speak in [strange] tongues (languages) more than <sup>18</sup>any of you or all of you put together [1 Corinthians 14:18 AMPC](#)
- **Apostles:** we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." [Acts 6:4 NASB](#)
- **Anna:** did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. [Luke 2:37 NKJV](#)

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<sup>18</sup> This would imply that he was speaking in tongues all the time. Probably the secret of Paul's spirituality and fruitfulness.

## 5. House of Prayer

- Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” [Luke 19:45-46 NKJV](#)

## 6. Our body the temple of GOD

- Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? [1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJV](#)

## 7. Pray & see the outcome in the Physical realm

- As long as Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed; but when he lowered them, Amalek prevailed. [Exodus 17:11 BSB](#)

As long as Moses held up his hands (in prayer; see below), Israel saw victory.

- I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands [1 Timothy 2:8 NKJV](#)

## 8. Journey of Prayer

- At the beginning of your supplications, the command [to give you an answer] was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly regarded *and* greatly beloved. Therefore consider the message and begin to understand the [meaning of the] vision. [Daniel 9:23 AMP](#)

See also

- Let my prayer come before You *and* enter into Your presence; Incline Your ear to my cry! [Psalm 88:2 AMP](#)

## 9. Make Time to Pray

- Then King David went in and sat [in prayer] before the LORD [2 Samuel 7:18 AMP](#)
- Now at this time Jesus went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. [Luke 6:12 AMP](#)

## 10. Prayer Essential

- Keep watching and praying, so that you do not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” [Matthew 26:41 NASB](#)
- Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way. [1 Samuel 12:23 NKJV](#)

## 11. Prophylactic Prayer

- I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but that You keep them and protect them from the evil one. [John 17:15 AMP](#)
- he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and offering praise before his God, just as he had been doing previously<sup>19</sup>. [Daniel 6:10 NASB](#)

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<sup>19</sup> Pray to avoid crisis situations not just if or when crisis situations arise.

## CHAPTER 8: FASTING

### 1. Key Verse

- You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. [Isaiah 58:4 NIV](#)

Suggesting that fasting correctly can get GOD's attention.

### 2. Why fast?

#### 1. To get GOD's attention

- You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. [Isaiah 58:4 NIV](#)

#### Examples

- **Daniel:** At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over... Then he (the angel) said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in *response to* your words. [Daniel 10:2 NIV](#) & [10:12 NKJV](#)
- **Ezra:** So we fasted and sought our God concerning this *matter*, and He listened to our pleading. [Ezra 8:23 NASB](#)

#### 2. For stubborn evil spirits to leave

- So He said to them, "This kind<sup>20</sup> can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." [Mark 9:29 NKJV](#)
- *But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.* [Matthew 17:21 AMPC](#)

Note, the disciples had been able to cast out evil spirits previously. See below

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1. <sup>20</sup> 1085 γένος [GE/NOS] {génos} \ghen'-os\ from 1096; "kin" (abstract or concrete, literal or figurative, individual or collective):--born, country(-man), diversity, generation, kind(-red), nation, offspring, **stock**.

- And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many who were sick, and healing them. [Mark 6:13 AMP](#)

Kind = **stock**

[Mark 9:29 NKJV](#) "Stock" implies that there different kinds of evil spirits.

### 3. Reward

- when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. [Matthew 6:17-18 NIV](#)

### 4. Receive power

- Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. [Luke 4:1-2 NKJV](#)
- Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. [Luke 4:14 NKJV](#)

Note that Jesus went filled but returned in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 5. A means of returning to God

- "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping, and mourning [Joel 2:12 NASB](#)

### 6. For clarity in decision making & blessing upon decisions

- When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had believed. [Acts 14:23 NASB](#)

### 7. Means of humbling yourself

- Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. [James 4:10 NKJV](#)
- I wept *and* humbled myself with fasting [Psalm 69:10 AMP](#)

- There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask Him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. [Ezra 8:21 NIV](#)
- When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and fasted. He lay down in sackcloth and walked around meekly. Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity during his days, but I will bring it upon his house in the days of his son.” [1 Kings 21:27-29 BSB](#)

See also

- He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness *and* mercy, and to humble yourself *and* walk humbly with your God? [Micah 6:8 AMPC](#)

## 8. To "change" God's mind or any crisis situation

- **Ninevites:** The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth...Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened. [Jonah 3:5 & 9-10 NIV](#)
- **Esther & the Jews:** “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”... When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. [Esther 4:16 & 5:2](#)
- **Ahab:** Now when Ahab heard these words [of Elijah], he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly (mourning). Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, “Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil (catastrophe) in his lifetime, but in his son’s days I will bring evil upon his house.” [1 Kings 21:27-29 AMP](#)

## 9. For protection & safety

- There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask Him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer. The hand of our God was on us, and he protected us from enemies and bandits along the way. [Ezra 8:21,23,31 NIV](#)

## 10. Means of worshipping & serving God

- She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. [Luke 2:37 ESV](#)

## 11. For Guidance

- Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a straight and right way for us, our little ones, and all our possessions. [Ezra 8:21 AMPC](#)

# 3. Fasting accompaniments

## 1. Prayer

- So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *for many* days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. [Nehemiah 1:4 NKJV](#)
- Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away. [Acts 13:3 NKJV](#)
- When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they believed [and joyfully accepted as the Messiah]. [Acts 14:23 NKJV](#)

## 2. Worship

- While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” [Acts 13:2 ESV](#)

# 4. Fasting Insights

## 1. Fasting a necessity

- But when<sup>a</sup> you fast, put oil on your head [as you normally would to groom your hair] and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by people, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you. [Matthew 6:17-18 AMP](#)



- Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. [Mark 2:19-20 NKJV](#)

<sup>a</sup>Note, “when” you fast NOT “if” you fast. The above verses would suggest that Fasting is not an option but an essential part of a Believer’s life.

## 2. An entity on its own right

- this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. [Luke 2:37 NKJV](#)

Though we often talk about Fasting Prayer, Fasting in its own also is an entity.

## 3. Hunger during God led fasts

- Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he ate no bread and drank no water. [Exodus 34:28 AMP](#)
- Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry. [Luke 4:1-2 BSB](#)

## 4. Examples of "Fast -ers"

- **David:** My knees are unsteady from fasting; And my flesh is gaunt and without fatness. [Psalm 109:24 AMP](#)
- **Paul:** But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings 2 [Corinthians 6:4-5 NKJV](#)

## 5. Lifestyle of fasting

- **Daniel:** Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king’s choice food or with the wine which he drank [Daniel 1:8 NASB](#)
- **Anna the prophetess:** She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. [Luke 2:37 BSB](#)

## 5. Types of Fasting

### 1. Avoiding food till evening

- And when all the people came to persuade David to eat food while it was still day, David took an oath, saying, “God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else till the sun goes down!” [2 Samuel 3:35 NKJV](#)

### 2. Avoiding food

- Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. [Luke 4:1-2 NKJV](#)

### 3. Avoiding food and drink

- “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!” [Esther 4:16 NKJV](#)
- So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. [Exodus 34:28 NKJV](#)
- And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. [Jonah 3:7 NKJV](#)

### 4. Other kinds of fasts

- **Daniel:** I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. [Daniel 10:3 NKJV](#)
- **Jesus:** I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” [Matthew 26:29 NIV](#)
- He said to them, “I have earnestly wanted to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” [Luke 22:15-16 AMP](#)

## 6. Starting fasting

- She did what she could. [Mark 14:8 NIV](#)

Likewise do what you can. Start small e.g. Start by fasting one meal once a week.

## CHAPTER 9: THANKSGIVING

### 1. Key Verse

- Enter His gates with thanksgiving, *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. [Psalm 100:4 NASB 1977](#)

The above suggests thanksgiving as a way to approach GOD.

### 2. Insights

#### 1. With Prayer

- Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV](#)
- Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude* of thanksgiving [Colossians 4:2 NASB](#)

#### 2. Effects

##### 2.1. Honours GOD

- “He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who sets *his way properly* I will show the salvation of God.” [Psalm 50:23 NASB](#)

##### 2.2. Pleases GOD

- I will praise the name of God with song And magnify Him with thanksgiving. And it will please the Lord better than an ox Or a young bull with horns and hoofs. [Psalm 69:30-31 AMP](#)

#### 3. Always Thankful

- in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful *and* continually give thanks *to God*; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. [1 Thessalonians 5:18 AMP](#)

## CHAPTER 10: PRAISE

### 1. Key Verse

- You are holy, O You who are enthroned in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered]. [Psalm 22:3 NKJV](#)

### 2. What happens with praise?

#### 1. Silences the enemy

- From the mouths of children and infants You have ordained praise on account of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and avenger. [Psalm 8:2 BSB](#)

See also

- I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted, Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the pressure of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me And in anger they bear a grudge against me. My heart is in anguish within me [Psalm 55:2-4 NASB](#)

#### 2. Defeats the enemy

- The moment they began their shouts and praises, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were defeated. [2 Chronicles 20:22 BSB](#)

See also

- “Judah, you are the one whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; Your father’s sons shall bow down to you. [Genesis 49:8 AMP](#)

#### 3. Binds the enemy

- Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. *Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints.* [Psalm 149:5-9 NKJV](#)

See also

- “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [Matthew 18:18 NKJV](#)

When you praise, evil spirits (referred to as kings and nobles in [Psalm 149](#)) get bound. See below

- For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. [Ephesians 6:12 AMPC](#)

#### 4. Breakthroughs happen

- Now about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains were unfastened. [Acts 16:25-26 NASB](#)

#### 5. Become filled with the Holy Spirit

- And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord [Ephesians 5:18-19 NASB](#)

#### 6. GOD's glory comes down

- The trumpeters and singers joined together to praise and thank the LORD with one voice. They lifted up their voices, accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and musical instruments, in praise to the LORD: “For He is good; His loving devotion endures forever.” And the temple, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud so that the priests could not stand there to minister because of

the cloud; for the glory<sup>21</sup> of the LORD filled the house of God. [2 Chronicles 5:13 BSB](#)

Glory = **properly weight; copiousness**

### 3. Insights

#### 1. Way to approach God

- Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! [Psalm 100:4 ESV](#)

#### 2. Learn to Praise

- Blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You. [Psalm 84:4 NASB](#)

#### 3. Continually Praise

- I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. [Psalm 34:1 AMP](#)

#### 4. Listening to Praise

- But about midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the [other] prisoners were listening to them, Suddenly

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1. <sup>21</sup> 3519 כבד כבוד [kâbôd kâbôd] \{\kaw-bode'} kaw-bode'\ From 3513; **properly weight**; but only figuratively in a good {sense} splendor or **copiousness**: - glorious ( {-ly}) {glory} honour (-able).

3513 כבד כבוד [kâbad kâbêd] \{\kaw-bad} kaw-bade'\ A primitive root; to be {heavy} that {is} in a bad sense ( {burdensome} severe6 dull) or in a good sense ( {numerous} rich6 honorable); causatively to make weighty (in the same two senses): - abounding {with} more grievously {afflict} {boast} be {chargeable} X be {dim} {glorify} be (make) glorious ( {things}) {glory} (very) {great} be {grievous} {harden} be (make) {heavy} be {heavier} lay {heavily} (bring {to} come {to} {do} {get} be had in) honour ( {self}) (be) honourable ( {man}) {lade} X more be {laid} make self {many} {nobles} {prevail} promote (to {honour}) be {rich} be (go) {sore} stop.

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. [Acts 16:25-26 AMPC](#)

Even listening to others singing can bring you breakthroughs!

## 5. Sacrifice of Praise

- Through Him, therefore, let us at all times offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge *and* confess *and* glorify His name. [Hebrews 13:15 AMP](#)

We are encouraged to offer praise even when we don't feel like it.



## CHAPTER 11: WORSHIP

### 1. Key Verse

- you will seek Me and find<sup>22</sup> Me, when you search<sup>23</sup> for Me with all your heart. [Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV](#)

### 2. What happens with Worship?

#### 1. GOD appears

- you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. [Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV](#)
- Seek<sup>24</sup> the LORD while He may be found<sup>25</sup>; Call upon Him while He is near. [Isaiah 55:6 NKJV](#)

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1. <sup>22</sup> 04672 מצא [mâtsâ'] \maw-tsaw'\ A primitive root; properly **to come forth {to} that {is} appear** or exist; transitively to {attain} that {is} find or acquire; figuratively to {occur} meet or be present: – + be {able} {befall} {being} {catch} X certainly (cause to) come ({on} {to} to {hand}) {deliver} be enough (cause to) find ({-ing} {occasion} {out}) get (hold {upon}) X have ({here}) be {here} {hit} be {left} light (up-) {on} meet ({with}) X occasion {serve} (be) {present} {ready} {speed} {suffice} take hold on.
  2. <sup>23</sup> 01875 דרש [dârash] \daw-rash'\ A primitive root; properly to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication to seek or ask; **specifically to worship**: – {ask} X at {all} care {for} X {diligently} {inquire} make {inquisition} [necro-] {mancer} {question} {require} {search} seek {[for} {out}] X surely.
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  4. <sup>25</sup> 04672 מצא [mâtsâ'] \maw-tsaw'\ A primitive root; properly **to come forth {to} that {is} appear** or exist; transitively to {attain} that {is} find or

Search = **specifically to worship**

Find = **to come forth {to} that {is} appear**

In other words, when one worships God with all their heart, God's Presence appears i.e. one has an Encounter with God. GOD visiting us brings us Blessings. See below

- For You meet him with blessings of good things [Psalm 21:3 AMP](#)

Normally, one takes gifts to give when going to meet someone important. On the contrary, when GOD meets us, He gives us blessings.

## 2. GOD speaks

- While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." [Acts 13:2 ESV](#)
- But now bring me a musician." And it came about, when the musician played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, "This is what the Lord says: [2 Kings 3:15-16 NASB](#)

[2 Kings 3:15-16 NASB](#) Musician = string player

## 3. Evil spirits leave

- So it came about that whenever the [evil] spirit from God was on Saul, David took a harp and played it with his hand; so Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would leave him. [1 Samuel 16:23 AMP](#)

# 3. Modes of Worship

## 1. Bowing down of head

- Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalms 95:6 NKJV
- Then the man bowed down his head and worshiped the Lord. Genesis 24:26 NKJV
- So the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped. Exodus 4:31 NKJV

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- Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 2 Chronicles 29:30 NKJV
- And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, worshiping the Lord. 2 Chronicles 20:18 NKJV
- When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever.” 2 Chronicles 7:3 NKJV

## 2. Falling to the ground and worshipping

- So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?” Joshua 5:14 NKJV
- And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 NKJV
- Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. Revelation 5:14 NKJV

## 3. Singing

- Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. [Psalm 100:2 NRSV](#)

## 4. Other Modes

- Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, *which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship.* [Romans 12:1 AMP](#)
- And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Matthew 28:9 NKJV
- By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. Hebrews 11:21 NKJV

## 4. GOD is seeking worshippers Now!

- But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking<sup>b</sup> such to worship Him. [John 4:23 NKJV](#)

Who GOD found

- “I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him, With whom My hand shall be established *and* steadfast; My arm also shall strengthen him. [Psalm 89:20-21 AMP](#)

<sup>b</sup>Seeking = present continuous implying God is currently seeking even as you read this! See [Collins Dictionary](#)

## CHAPTER 12: FELLOWSHIP

### 1. Key Verse

- As iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens [and influences] another [through discussion]. [Proverbs 27:17 AMP](#)
- He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. [Proverbs 13:20 KJV](#)

### 2. Who to fellowship with

#### 1. GOD

- And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him]. [Genesis 5:24 AMPC](#)
- Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God. [Genesis 6:9 AMPC](#)
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship<sup>26</sup> of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. [2 Corinthians 13:14 NASB](#)

#### Example

- Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and spoke with me and said to me: “Go, shut yourself inside your house. [Ezekiel 3:24 NKJV](#)

Fellowship = **(to) communicate(-ation)**

#### 2. Believers

- Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. [Hebrews 10:25 BSB](#)

### 3. Who not to fellowship with

- Do not be unequally bound together with unbelievers [do not make mismatched alliances with them, inconsistent with your faith]. For what

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1. <sup>26</sup> 2842 κοινωνία [KOINWNI/A] {koinōnía} \koy-nohn-ee'-ah\ from 2844; **partnership**, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:--**(to) communicate(-ation)**, communion, (contri-)distribution, fellowship.

partnership can righteousness have with lawlessness? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [2 Corinthians 6:14 AMP](#)

- Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! [Psalm 1:1 NASB](#)

## CHAPTER 13: BIBLE/SCRIPTURE/WORD

### 1. Key Verse

- All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; so that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work. [2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMP](#)

### 2. Attitude towards Scripture

#### 1. Crave the Word

- Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured *and* grow unto [completed] salvation [1 Peter 2:2 AMPC](#)

Long = intensely crave

#### 2. Wait for the Word

- I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. [Habakkuk 2:1 NKJV](#)
- I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And I wait for His word. [Psalm 130:5 NASB](#)

#### 3. Respect GOD's Word

- “For all these things My hand has made, So all these things came into being [by and for Me],” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look [graciously], To him who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who [reverently] trembles at My word *and* honors My commands. [Isaiah 66:2 AMP](#)

## 4. Meditate on Word

- But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates<sup>27</sup> day and night. [Psalm 1:2 NKJV](#)
- This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate<sup>2</sup> in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. [Joshua 1:8 NKJV](#)

## 5. Memorise the Word

- Thy word have I laid up in my heart, That I might not sin against thee. [Psalm 119:11 ASV](#)
- 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. [Colossians 3:16 NKJV](#)

## 6. Devoted to the Word

- **Ezra:** For Ezra had firmly resolved to study the Law of the LORD and to practice *it*, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel. [Ezra 7:10 NASB](#)
- **Apostles:** we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” [Acts 6:4 NKJV](#)
- **Paul:** But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. [Acts 18:5 NASB](#)

## 7. Knowledge of the Word

- On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message<sup>28</sup> until midnight... When *Paul* had gone *back* up and had broken

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1. <sup>27</sup> 1897 הגה [hâgâh] \haw-gaw'\ A primitive root (compare 1901); to murmur (in pleasure or anger); by implication to ponder: - {imagine} {meditate} {mourn} {mutter} {roar} X {sore} {speak} {study} {talk} utter.

2. <sup>28</sup> 3056 λόγος [LO/GOS] {lógos} \log'-os\ from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specially, (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):--



the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left. [Acts 20:7&11 NASB](#)

Paul knew enough of the Word to be able to speak all night till daybreak.

## 8. Treasure GOD's Word

- I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food. [Job 23:12 NKJV](#)
- I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure. [Psalm 119:162 NKJV](#)

## 9. Teach children

- These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be [written] on your heart *and* mind. You shall teach them diligently to your children [impressing God's precepts on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths] and shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. [Deuteronomy 6: 6-7 AMP](#)

# 3. Benefits

## 1. Avoid Error

- Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. [Matthew 22:29 NKJV](#)

## 2. Cleanses

- cleansing her<sup>29</sup> by the washing with water through the word [Ephesians 5:26 BSB](#)

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account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say(-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

<sup>29</sup> the church i.e. believers

### 3. Enlightenment

- The entrance of Your words gives light [Psalm 119:130 NKJV](#)

### 4. Equips

- All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; so that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work. [2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMP](#)

### 5. Growth & Sustenance

- Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” [Matthew 4:4 BSB](#)
- He humbled you and allowed you to be hungry and fed you with manna, [a substance] which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, so that He might make you understand [by personal experience] that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every *word* that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. [Deuteronomy 8:3 AMP](#)
- like newborn babies [you should] long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may be nurtured *and* grow in respect to salvation [its ultimate fulfillment] [1 Peter 2:2 AMP](#)

### 6. Life & Health

- My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. [Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV](#)

### 7. Brings about Miracles

- we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net... When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. [Luke 5:5 NKJV](#) & [Luke 5:6 NIV](#)

## 8. Peace

- Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. [Psalm 119:165 NKJV](#)

## 9. Prosperity & Success

- This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. [Joshua 1:8 NKJV](#)

## 10. Reverence for GOD

- Establish Your word *and* confirm Your promise to Your servant, As that which produces [awe-inspired] reverence for You. [Psalm 119:38 AMP](#)

## 11. Revives

- The law of the Lord is perfect (flawless), restoring *and* refreshing the soul; The statutes of the Lord are reliable *and* trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. [Psalm 19:7-8 AMP](#)
- revive me with Your word. [Psalm 119:37 BSB](#)

## 12. Salvation

- receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. [James 1:21 NKJV](#)
- having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever [1 Peter 1:23 NKJV](#)
- He gave us birth [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself]. [James 1:18 AMP](#)

### 13. Understanding & Insight

- I have better understanding *and* deeper insight than all my teachers [because of Your word], For Your testimonies are my meditation. [Psalm 119:99 AMP](#)

### 14. Weapon

- And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [Ephesians 6:17 NASB](#)
- The high praises of God *shall be* in their mouths, And a two-edged sword in their hands, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishment on the peoples, To bind their kings with chains, And their dignitaries with shackles of iron, To execute against them the judgment written. This is an honor for all His godly ones. [Psalm 149:6-9 NASB](#)

See examples of use

- Jesus replied to him, “It is written *and* forever remains written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ... Jesus replied to him, “It is written *and* forever remains written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.’” ... Jesus replied to him, “It is said [in Scripture], ‘you shall not tempt the Lord your God [to prove Himself to you].’” [Luke 4:1-13 AMP](#)

### 15. GOD reveals Himself

- And the Lord continued to appear in Shiloh, for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh through the word<sup>30</sup> of the Lord. [1 Samuel 3:21 AMPC](#)

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1. <sup>30</sup> 1697 דבַר [dâbâr] \daw-bawr'\ From 1696; a word; by implication a matter (as spoken of) of thing; adverbially a cause: - {act} {advice} {affair} {answer} X any such ({thing}) + because {of} {book} {business} {care} {case} {cause} certain {rate} + {chronicles} {commandment} X commune ({-ication}) + concern {[ing]} + {confer} {counsel} + {dearth} {decree} {deed} X {disease} {due} {duty} {effect} + {eloquent} {errand} [evil favoured-] {ness} + {glory} + {harm} {hurt} + {iniquity} + {judgment} {language} + {lying} {manner} {matter} {message} [no] {thing} {oracle} X {ought} X {parts} + {pertaining} + {please} {portion} + {power} {promise} {provision} {purpose} {question} {rate} {reason} {report} {request} X (as hast) {said} {sake} {saying} {sentence} + {sign} + {so} some {[uncleanness]} somewhat to {say} + {song} {speech} X {spoken} {talk} {task} + {that} X there {done} thing ({concerning}) {thought} + {thus} {tidings} what {[soever]} + {wherewith} {which} {word} work.

## 4. The Living Word

### 1. The Word is alive

- the word of God is living and active *and* full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. [Hebrews 4:12 AMP](#)
- the word of God is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its inherent, supernatural power in those of faith]. [1 Thessalonians 2:13 AMP](#)
- The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life [providing eternal life]. [John 6:63 AMP](#)

### 2. The Word can be alive in you

- I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. [1 John 2:14 NIV](#)

### 3. Jesus is the Word

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. [John 1:1-3 NKJV](#)
- For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. [1 John 5:7 NKJV](#)

## 5. Insights

### 1. Importance

- I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. [Psalm 138:2 NKJV](#)
- Every word of God is tested *and* refined [like silver] [Proverbs 30:5 AMP](#)

## 2. Permanency

- For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.” And this is the word that was proclaimed to you. [1 Peter 1:23-23 BSB](#)
- Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. [Matthew 24:35 BSB](#)

## 3. Understanding Scripture

- They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and opening the Scriptures to us?” [Luke 24:32 AMP](#)
- Then He [thoroughly] opened up their minds to understand the Scriptures [Luke 24:45 AMPC](#)

### Why unbelievers don't understand scripture

- The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life [providing eternal life]. [John 6:63 AMP](#)
- But the natural [unbelieving] man does not accept the things [the teachings and revelations] of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness [absurd and illogical] to him; and he is incapable of understanding them, because they are spiritually discerned *and* appreciated, [and he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters]. [1 Corinthians 2:14 AMP](#)
- Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.] You are of your father, the devil, and it is your will to practice the lusts *and* gratify the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. [John 8:43-44 AMPC](#)

GOD needs to open our mind to understand Scripture.

## 6. Word Types

- **3056 λόγος [LO/GOS] {lógos} \log'-os\**  
from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication, a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specially, (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):—account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say(-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.  
Eg. [John 1:1](#)

- 4487 ῥῆμα [R(H=MA) {rhēma} \hray'-mah\**  
 from 4483; an utterance (individually, collectively or specially),; by implication, a matter or topic (especially of narration, command or dispute); with a negative naught whatever: -+ evil, + nothing, saying, word. Eg [Matthew 4:4](#)
- 1697 דָּבָר [dâbâr] \daw-bawr'\**  
 From 1696; a word; by implication a matter (as spoken of) of thing; adverbially a cause: - {act} {advice} {affair} {answer} X any such ({thing}) + because {of} {book} {business} {care} {case} {cause} certain {rate} + {chronicles} {commandment} X commune ({-ication}) + concern {[ing]} + {confer} {counsel} + {dearth} {decree} {deed} X {disease} {due} {duty} {effect} + {eloquent} {errand} [evil favoured-] {ness} + {glory} + {harm} {hurt} + {iniquity} + {judgment} {language} + {lying} {manner} {matter} {message} [no] {thing} {oracle} X {ought} X {parts} + {pertaining} + {please} {portion} + {power} {promise} {provision} {purpose} {question} {rate} {reason} {report} {request} X (as hast) {said} {sake} {saying} {sentence} + {sign} + {so} some {[uncleanness]} somewhat to {say} + {song} {speech} X {spoken} {talk} {task} + {that} X there {done} thing ({concerning}) {thought} + {thus} {tidings} what {[soever]} + {wherewith} {which} {word} work.  
 Eg [Ezekiel 33:7](#)

Reference: [Strong's Bible dictionary](#)

## CHAPTER 14: FAITH

### 1. Key Verses

- And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith [that is, with an enduring trust in God and His promises] subdued kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promised blessings, closed the mouths of lions, extinguished the power of [raging] fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became mighty *and* unbeatable in battle, putting enemy forces to flight. [Hebrews 11:32-34 AMP](#)
- Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]. [Hebrews 11:1 AMP](#)

### 2. Insights

#### 1. Primarily in a Person

- I know Him [and I am personally acquainted with Him] whom I have believed [with absolute trust and confidence in Him and in the truth of His deity], and I am persuaded [beyond any doubt] that He is able to guard that which I have entrusted to Him until that day [when I stand before Him]. [2 Timothy 1:12 AMP](#)

#### 2. Necessary to please GOD

- without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him. [Hebrews 11:6 AMP](#)

#### 3. A measure of Faith

- For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. [Romans 12:3 NASB](#)

Henceforth, none of us need think or say that we have no faith.



## 4. Faith like a Mustard Seed

- And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked privately, Why could we not drive it out? He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith [that is, your lack of firmly relying trust]. For truly I say to you, if you have faith [that is living] like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. *But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.* [Matthew 17:18-21 AMPC](#)
- The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like<sup>31</sup> a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you. [Luke 17:5-6 NASB 1995](#)

We all have been given a measure of faith. Faith that grows like how a mustard seed does can achieve great things.

## 5. Faith needs to grow

- We ought *and* indeed are obligated [as those in debt] to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of every one of you each toward the others is increasing *and* abounds. [2 Thessalonians 1:3 AMPC](#)

## 6. Build Faith

### 1. Through Tongues

- But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. [Jude 20-21 NASB](#)
- He who speaks in a tongue builds up himself. [1 Corinthians 14:4 NKJV](#)

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1. <sup>31</sup> 5613 ὡς [W(S) {hōs} \hoce\ probably adverb of comparative from 3739; which how, i.e. **in that manner** (very variously used, as follows):--about, after (that), (according) as (it had been, it were), as soon (as), even as (**like**), for, how (greatly), like (as, unto), since, so (that), that, to wit, unto, when(-soever), while, X with all speed.

## 2. Through Prayer & Fasting

- Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked privately, Why could we not drive it out? He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith [that is, your lack of firmly relying trust]. For truly I say to you, if you have faith [that is living] like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. *But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.* [Matthew 17:18-21 AMPC](#)

Implying that His (Jesus's) faith had grown by prayer and fasting.

## 7. Contend for the Faith

- Beloved, although I made every effort to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt it necessary to write and urge you to contend<sup>32</sup> earnestly for the faith entrusted once for all to the saints. [Jude 1:3 BSB](#)
- And will not [our just] God defend *and* avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf? I tell you that He will defend *and* avenge them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith<sup>a</sup> on the earth?" [Luke 18:7-8 AMP](#)
- until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. [Ephesians 4:13 NASB](#)

<sup>a</sup>Indicative that a person of persistent faith will pray persistently.

## 8. People who spoke with faith

- **Unwell woman:** she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will get well." [Matthew 9:21 NASB](#)
- **Centurion:** just say the word, and my servant will be healed. [Matthew 8:8 NASB](#)

All these got what they believed.

## 9. Faith places a demand on God

- **Mary:** And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with

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<sup>32</sup> 1864 ἐπαγωνίζομαι [E)PAGWNI/ZOMAI] {epagōnízomai} \ep-ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee\ from 1909 and 75; to struggle for:--earnestly contend for.

water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. [John 2:3-9 NKJV](#)

- **Unwell woman:** a woman was there who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years. She had borne much agony under the care of many physicians and had spent all she had, but to no avail. Instead, her condition had only grown worse. When the woman heard about Jesus, she came up through the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. For she kept saying, “If only I touch His garments, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction. [Mark 5:25-29 BSB](#)

By faith you can get what you can believe God for without precedence.

## 10. Faith without action dead

- So too, faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead. [James 2:17 BSB](#)

See examples

- And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith [that is, with an enduring trust in God and His promises] subdued kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promised blessings, closed the mouths of lions, extinguished the power of [raging] fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became mighty *and* unbeatable in battle, putting enemy forces to flight. [Hebrews 11:32-34 AMP](#)

## 11. Faith demands an action

- “Where is your faith?” He asked. [Luke 8:25 BSB](#)
- Then Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters, and they subsided, and all was calm. [Luke 8:24 BSB](#)

## 12. Take Steps of Faith

- As He came near to Jericho, it occurred that a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he asked what it meant. They told him, Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. And he shouted, saying, Jesus, Son of David, take pity *and* have mercy on me! But those who were in front reproved him, telling him to keep quiet; yet he screamed *and* shrieked so

much the more, Son of David, take pity *and* have mercy on me! Then Jesus stood still and ordered that he be led to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, What do you want Me to do for you? He said, Lord, let me receive my sight! And Jesus said to him, Receive your sight! Your faith (your trust and confidence that spring from your faith in God) has healed you. And instantly he received his sight and began to follow Jesus, recognizing, praising, *and* honoring God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God. [Luke 18:35-43 AMPC](#)

Jesus said “Your faith has healed you.” See steps of faith the blind man took underlined.

### 13. Fact x Truth

- **Abraham:** Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he acknowledged the decrepitness of his body (since he was about a hundred years old) and the lifelessness of Sarah’s womb. Yet he did not waver through disbelief in the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God was able to do what He had promised. [Romans 4:18-21 BSB](#)
- **Sarah:** By faith even Sarah herself received the ability to conceive [a child], even [when she was long] past the normal age for it, because she considered Him who had given her the promise to be reliable *and* true [to His word]. [Hebrews 11:11 AMP](#)

Faith in spite of knowing the Fact (circumstance) believes the Truth (God and His word). GOD’s word is truth. See

- Sanctify them in the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word is truth. [John 17:17 AMP](#)

### 14. Proclamations in Faith

- The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed... Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! As you have believed, so will it be done for you.” And his servant was healed at that very hour. [Matthew 8:8,13 BSB](#)
- Then Jesus told him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.” Immediately the man was made well, and he picked up his mat and began to walk. [John 5:8-9 BSB](#)
- One Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman there had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was hunched over and could not stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your disability.” Then He placed His hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and began to glorify God. [Luke 13:10-13 BSB](#)

- Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” ... And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. [Acts 3:6,16 NKJV](#)
- In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. This man was listening to the words of Paul, who looked intently at him and saw that he had faith to be healed. In a loud voice Paul called out, “Stand up on your feet!” And the man jumped up and began to walk. [Acts 14:8-10 BSB](#)

## 15. One word in Faith enough for a Miracle

- But Peter said, “I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!” [Acts 3:6 NASB](#)

## 16. Faith has the highest place among our weapons of warfare

- above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. [Ephesians 6:16 NKJV](#)

## 17. Focus on Jesus: Author & Perfector of Faith

- Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who by faith have testified to the truth of God’s absolute faithfulness], stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily *and* cleverly entangles us, let us run with endurance *and* active persistence the race that is set before us, [looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before Him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [revealing His deity, His authority, and the completion of His work]. [Hebrews 12:1-2 AMP](#)

## CHAPTER 15: EVANGELISM

### 1. Key Verse

- He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach<sup>33</sup> the gospel to every creature. [Mark 16:15 NKJV](#)

Preach = **as a public crier**

Evangelism: “The action or work of spreading the Christian gospel by public preaching or by giving personal testimony about the experience of conversion” [Oxford English Dictionary](#)

### 2. Insights

#### 1. Focus of Evangelism

- What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. [Philippians 1:18 NKJV](#)

#### 2. Be active in evangelising

- I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. [Philemon 1:6 NIV 1984](#)
- Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! [1 Corinthians 9:16 NIV](#)
- Rescue<sup>34</sup> those being led away to death, and restrain those stumbling toward the slaughter. If you say, “Behold, we did not know about this,” does not He who weighs hearts consider it? Does not the One who guards your life know? Will He not repay a man according to his deeds? [Proverbs 24:11-12 BSB](#)

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1. <sup>33</sup> 2784 κηρύσσω [KHRY/SSW] {kēryssō} \kay-roos'-so\ of uncertain affinity; to herald (**as a public crier**), especially divine truth (the gospel):--preacher(-er), proclaim, publish.

2. <sup>34</sup> 5337 נצַל [nâtsal] \naw-tsal'\ A primitive root; to snatch {away} whether in a good or a bad sense: - X at {all} {defend} deliver ({self}) {escape} X without {fail} {part} {pluck} {preserve} {recover} {rescue} {rid} {save} {spoil} {strip} X {surely} take (out).

- He who is not with Me [definitely on My side] is against Me, and he who does not [definitely] gather with Me and for My side scatters. [Matthew 12:30 AMP](#)

Be active in sharing the gospel i.e. Evangelism

### 3. Who to evangelise to?

- **Family:** One of the two who heard what John said and [as a result] followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first looked for and found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means the Christ). Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. [John 1:40-42 AMP](#)
- Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD that you will indeed show kindness to my family, because I showed kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will deliver us from death." [Joshua 2:12-13 BSB](#)
- **City:** The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him. [John 4:28-30 NKJV](#)
- **World:** He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach<sup>35</sup> the gospel to every creature. [Mark 16:15 NKJV](#)
- **To those who have not heard of Christ:** Accordingly I set a goal to preach the gospel, not where Christ's name was already known, so that I would not build on another man's foundation; but [instead I would act on this goal] as it is written [in Scripture], "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard [of Him] shall understand." [Romans 15:20-21 AMP](#)

### 4. Ultimate purpose of evangelism

- He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. [Isaiah 53:11 NKJV](#)

That Christ may be satisfied, that his suffering has yielded the desired result i.e. salvation of souls.

### 5. Evangelism similes

- Then they said to one another, "We are not doing the right thing. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent *about it*; if we wait until the

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morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now then come, let's go and inform the king's household." [2 Kings 7:9 NASB](#)

- Finally, the servant who had received the one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what belongs to you.' 'You wicked, lazy servant!' replied his master. 'You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed. Then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received it back with interest. [Matthew 25:24-27 BSB](#)

Read the story: [2 Kings 7:3-9 ESV](#)

## 6. How often do you evangelise?

- I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your sharing in the preaching of the gospel from the first day<sup>a</sup> until now. [Philippians 1:3-5 NASB](#)
- Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. [Psalm 96:2 NKJV](#)

See also

- And the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were being saved. [Acts 2:47 AMP](#)

<sup>a</sup>First day = Day of Salvation (day got saved)

## 7. Consequence of unsaved not accepting the Gospel

- He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. [2 Thessalonians 1:8 NIV](#)
- Whoever believes *and* has decided to trust in Him [as personal Savior and Lord] is not judged [for this one, there is no judgment, no rejection, no condemnation]; but the one who does not believe [and has decided to reject Him as personal Savior and Lord] is judged already [that one has been convicted and sentenced], because he has not believed *and* trusted in the name of the [One and] only begotten Son of God [the One who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, the One who alone can save him]. [John 3:18 AMP](#)



## 8. Unbelievers blinded to the Gospel

- The god of this age (the devil) has blinded<sup>36</sup> the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV](#)

## 9. Preach The Full Gospel

- Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:38 ESV](#)
- Then Philip began with this very Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road and came to some water, the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is there to prevent me from being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. [Acts 8:35-36 BSB](#)
- after he brought them out [of the inner prison], he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus [as your personal Savior and entrust yourself to Him] and you will be saved, you and your household [if they also believe].” And they spoke the word of the Lord [concerning eternal salvation through faith in Christ] to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them that *very* hour of the night and washed their *bloody* wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. [Acts 16:30-33 AMP](#)

The Full Gospel at its very minimum includes

1. Repentance & asking GOD for forgiveness
2. Believing in the Lord Jesus as personal Savior
3. Baptism (Water)

Jesus never tried to sweet talk people into accepting the gospel. See [Luke 14:36](#) & [Matthew 19:21](#) & [Matthew 13:34](#)

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1. <sup>36</sup> 5186 τυφλόω [TUFLO/W] {typhlóō} \toof-lo'-o\ from 5185; to make blind, i.e. (figuratively) to obscure:--blind.  
5185 τυφλός [TUFLO/S] {typhlós} \toof-los'\ from, 5187; opaque (as if smoky), i.e. (by analogy) blind (physically or mentally):--blind.  
5187 τυφώω [TUFO/W] {typhóō} \toof-o'-o\ from a derivative of 5188; to envelop with smoke, i.e. (figuratively) to inflate with self-conceit:--high-minded, be lifted up with pride, be proud.

## 10. Benefits to those who preach the Gospel

- Rescue those who are being taken away to death, And those who stagger to the slaughter, Oh hold them back [from their doom]! If you [claim ignorance and] say, “See, we did not know this,” Does He not consider it who weighs *and* examines the hearts *and* their motives? And does He not know it who guards your life *and* keeps your soul? And will He not repay [you and] every man according to his works? [Proverbs 24:11-12 AMP](#)
- Then the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. [Daniel 12:3 BSB](#)
- I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. [Philemon 1:6 NIV 1984](#)

## 11. Power in the Gospel

- I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation [from His wrath and punishment] to everyone who believes [in Christ as Savior], to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [Romans 1:16 AMP](#)
- For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance ... [1 Thessalonians 1:5 NKJV](#)

## 12. Preaching the Gospel with Signs (Miracles)

- And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. [Mark 16:20 NKJV](#)

### Examples

- And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power [1 Corinthians 2:4 NKJV](#)
- For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. [1 Thessalonians 1:5 NKJV](#)

## 13. Evangelism & Healing

- So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. [Luke 9:6 NKJV](#)

- But the crowds were aware *of this* and followed Him; and He welcomed them and *began* speaking to them about the kingdom of God, and curing those who had need of healing. [Luke 9:11 NASB](#)

## 14. Anointing: Means of effective evangelism

- “The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” [Luke 4:18-19 NKJV](#)
- “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound* [Isaiah 61:1 NKJV](#)

## 15. Effective Evangelism Examples

- Then all who lived at Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw [what had happened to] him, and they turned to the Lord. [Acts 9:35 AMP](#)
- And this became known throughout all Joppa, and many came to believe on the Lord [to adhere to and trust in and rely on Him as the Christ and as their Savior]. [Acts 9:42 AMPC](#)
- On the next Sabbath almost the entire city gathered together to hear the word of the Lord [about salvation through faith in Christ]. [Acts 13:44 AMP](#)
- So then, those who accepted his message were baptized; and on that day about 3,000 souls were added [to the body of believers]. [Acts 2:41 AMP](#)
- But many of those who heard the message [of salvation] believed [in Jesus and accepted Him as the Christ]. And the number of the men came to be about 5,000<sup>a</sup>. [Acts 4:4 AMP](#)
- On the next Sabbath almost the entire city gathered together to hear the word of the Lord [about salvation through faith in Christ]. [Acts 13:44 AMP](#)

Above examples mostly following Miracles.

<sup>a</sup>Implying possibly that there were now around 20,000 believers considering a family to have 4 members.

# Ways Of Preaching the Gospel

## 1. Testimony

- Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” [John 4:39 NIV](#)

- For you will be His witness to all men testifying of what you have seen and heard. [Acts 22:15 AMP](#)
- For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” [Acts 4:20 NKJV](#)

## 2. Scripture

- Many more believed because of His word [John 4:41 NASB](#)
- from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. [2 Timothy 3:15 NKJV](#)
- The seed is the word of God. The seeds along the path are those who hear, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. [Luke 8:11-12 BSB](#)
- he said, “Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets<sup>a</sup>; let them hear them.’ But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets<sup>b</sup>, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’” [Luke 16:27-31 NASB 1995](#)

<sup>a</sup>Moses and the Prophets refers to the writings of Moses and the Prophets; in other words the Written Word of God; to us the Bible as we know it now.

<sup>b</sup>Implying written word of God i.e. Scriptures

## CHAPTER 16: QUIET TIME

### 1. Key Verse

- Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” [John 1:48 NKJV](#)

Under Fig Tree – Place for Prayer & Meditation [Reference](#)

### 2. Why?

#### 1. Appointment with GOD

- Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment? [Amos 3:3 NASB 1995](#)
- Enoch walked with God; and he was not [found among men], because God took him [away to be home with Him]. [Genesis 5:24 AMP](#)

“Quiet Time” – an appointment With God & a means of walking with God.

#### 2. Means of Daily Spiritual Food

- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, so that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. [Exodus 16:4 NASB](#)
- But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” [Matthew 4:4 NKJV](#)
- But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’” [Luke 4:4 NKJV](#)

### 3. When?

Any fixed time e.g. early in the morning.

- In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will prepare [a prayer and a sacrifice] for You and watch *and* wait [for You to speak to my heart]. [Psalm 5:3 AMP](#)
- Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. [Mark 1:35 NIV](#)
- A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. [Psalm 63:1 NKJV](#)

- He awakens *Me morning by morning*, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple [as One who is taught]. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. [Isaiah 50:4-5 AMP](#)

## 4. Where?

Anywhere where you are alone with God.

- when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. [Matthew 6:6 NKJV](#)

Have a specific place if possible. See below

- Now Moses used to take his own tent and pitch it outside the camp, far away from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting [of God with His own people]. [Exodus 33:7 AMP](#)
- And He came out and went, as was His habit, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed Him. When He arrived at the place [called Gethsemane], He said to them, “Pray continually that you may not fall into temptation.” And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed [Luke 22:39-41 AMP](#)
- Now in the daytime Jesus was teaching in [the porches and courts of] the temple, but at night He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. [Luke 21:37 AMP](#) See [Commentary](#)

## 5. What?

What do you do in your Quiet Time? – See suggestions below

### 1. Confession

- your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. [Isaiah 59:2 NIV](#)
- If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. [Psalm 66:18 NKJV](#)
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9 NIV](#)

### 2. Thanksgiving

- Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise [Psalm 100:4 NIV](#)

### 3. Praise & Worship

- From the mouths of children and infants You have ordained praise on account of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and avenger. [Psalm 8:2 BSB](#)
- Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. [Psalm 95:6 NASB 1977](#)
- you will seek<sup>37</sup> Me and find<sup>38</sup> Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. [Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV](#)

In other words, when one worships God with all their heart, God's Presence appears i.e. one has an Encounter with God. Sing one or several songs. If you can't sing, listen to songs. Remember, GOD is not after your eloquence but after your heart. See

- But about midnight when Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening<sup>a</sup> to them; suddenly there was a great earthquake, so [powerful] that the very foundations of the prison were shaken and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. [Acts 16:25 AMP](#)

<sup>a</sup>The prisoners were only listening to Paul & Silas who were praying & singing – but everyone's chains got unfastened.

### 4. Pray

- You do not have because you do not ask God. [James 4:2 NIV](#)

Spend time in prayer daily.

If needed make a prayer list. See a useful App [HERE \(iOS\)](#) or [HERE \(Android\)](#)

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1. <sup>37</sup> 01875 דרש [dârash] \daw-rash'\ A primitive root; properly to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication to seek or ask; specifically to worship: – {ask} X at {all} care {for} X {diligently} {inquire} make {inquisition} [necro-] {mancer} {question} {require} {search} seek {[for} {out}] X surely
  2. <sup>38</sup> 04672 מצא [mâtsâ'] \maw-tsaw'\ A primitive root; properly to come forth {to} that {is} appear or exist; transitively to {attain} that {is} find or acquire; figuratively to {occur} meet or be present: – + be {able} {befall} {being} {catch} X certainly (cause to) come ({on} {to} to {hand}) {deliver} be enough (cause to) find ({-ing} {occasion} {out}) get (hold {upon}) X have ({here}) be {here} {hit} be {left} light (up-) {on} meet ({with}) X occasion {serve} (be) {present} {ready} {speed} {suffice} take hold on.

## 5. Bible

- The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. [Psalm 119:130 NKJV](#)

Spend some time reading the Bible. Choose any book you like to read. For example, read a chapter of Proverbs (Proverbs 22 on 22nd; Total Chapters = 31), 5 Psalms a day (5/day x 30 days = 150 = Total number of Psalms), a small epistle e.g. [Philippians](#).

## 6. Make "Quiet Time" a Habit

- **Moses:** Now Moses used to take his own tent and pitch it outside the camp, far away from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting [of God with His own people]. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the [temporary] tent of meeting which was outside the camp. [Exodus 33:7 AMP](#)
- **Daniel:** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. [Daniel 6:10 NKJV](#)
- **Jesus:** He came out and went, as was His habit, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed Him. When He arrived at the place [called Gethsemane], He said to them, "Pray continually that you may not fall into temptation." And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup [of divine wrath] from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done." Now an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony [deeply distressed and anguished; almost to the point of death], He prayed more intently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down on the ground. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not fall into temptation." [Luke 22:39-46 AMP](#)

## 7. How Long?

- Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? [Matthew 26:40 NKJV](#)
- Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer. [Acts 3:1 NASB](#)
- Cornelius said, "Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ninth hour (3:00-4:00 p.m.); and a man [dressed] in bright, dazzling clothing suddenly stood before me [Acts 10:30 AMP](#)



Spend some time with God daily. It doesn't matter if you start with just 5 minutes daily as long as you do it consistently.

## CHAPTER 17: GOD'S WILL

### 1. Key Passage

- For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it*, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. [Colossians 1:9-12 NASB](#)

### 2. GOD's Generic Will

#### 1. Salvation

- Who wants everyone to be saved [1 Timothy 2:4 BSB](#)

#### 2. Sanctification

- For this is the will of God, that you be sanctified [separated and set apart from sin] [1 Thessalonians 4:3 AMP](#)

#### 3. Thanksgiving

- Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will]. [1 Thessalonians 5:18 AMPC](#)

### 3. Find out GOD's Will

- “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. [Matthew 7:21 AMP](#)
- Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [Ephesians 5:17 NKJV](#)

- Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, *which is* your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed *and* progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]. [Romans 12:1-2 AMP](#)
- And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him]. [Ephesians 5:10 AMPC](#)

## 4. Knowing GOD's Will

### 1. Spending time with GOD

- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and stay here, so that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with Joshua his attendant and went up on the mountain of God... When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered it, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud... Moses entered the cloud as he went up on the mountain, and he remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive My offering from every man whose heart compels him. And they are to make a sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them. You must make the tabernacle and design all its furnishings according to the pattern I show you. [Exodus 24:12-18 BSB](#) & [25:1-9 BSB](#)

### 2. Worship & Fasting

- While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate now for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. [Acts 13:2 AMP](#)

## 5. GOD's Will revealed clearly

## 1. Moses

- According to all that I show you, *that is*, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make *it*. [Exodus 25:9 NKJV](#)
- And see to it that you make *them* according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain. [Exodus 40:16 NKJV](#)

## 2. David

- He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things. [1 Chronicles 28:12 NIV](#)
- *All this,*” said David, “the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the work *and* details [to be done] according to this plan.” [1 Chronicles 28:19 AMP](#)

## 6. Do GOD's Will

- “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. [Matthew 7:21 AMP](#)
- For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother.” [Matthew 12:50 NASB](#)
- And that servant who knew his master’s will, and yet did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will be beaten with many lashes [of the whip], but the one who did not know it and did things worthy of a beating, will receive only a few [lashes]. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. [Luke 12:47-48 AMP](#)

## 7. Persevere in GOD's Will

- You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. [Hebrews 10:36 NIV 1984](#)

## 8. When you don't know GOD's Will

- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. [Exodus 14:15 NIV](#)

When you don't know, what God's will is, Move on i.e. do the next thing.

## 9. GOD will guide you into His Will

- the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. [Isaiah 58:11 ESV](#)
- whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear <sup>39</sup> this command<sup>40</sup> behind you: "This is the way. Walk in it." [Isaiah 30:21 BSB](#)
- Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. [Psalm 119:105 AMP](#)
- I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. [Psalm 32:8 NKJV](#)
- this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever. [Psalm 48:18 ESV](#)
- He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name. [Psalm 23:3 BSB](#)
- as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. [Romans 8:14 NKJV](#)

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1. <sup>39</sup> 8085 שמע [shâma'] \shaw-mah'\ A primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of {attention} {obedience} etc.; causatively to {tell} etc.): - X {attentively} call (gather) {together} X {carefully} X {certainly} {consent} {consider} be {content} {declare} X {diligently} {discern} give {ear} (cause {to} {let} make to) hear ({-ken} {tell}) X {indeed} {listen} make (a) {noise} (be) {obedient} {obey} {perceive} (make a) proclaim ({-ation}) {publish} {regard} {report} shew ({forth}) (make a) {sound} X {surely} {tell} {understand} whosoever {[heareth]} witness.
  2. <sup>40</sup> 1697 דבר [dâbâr] \daw-bawr'\ From 1696; a word; by implication a matter (as spoken of) of thing; adverbially a cause: - {act} {advice} {affair} {answer} X any such ({thing}) + because {of} {book} {business} {care} {case} {cause} certain {rate} + {chronicles} {commandment} X commune ({-ication}) + concern {[ing]} + {confer} {counsel} + {dearth} {decree} {deed} X {disease} {due} {duty} {effect} + {eloquent} {errand} [evil favoured-] {ness} + {glory} + {harm} {hurt} + {iniquity} + {judgment} {language} + {lying} {manner} {matter} {message} [no] {thing} {oracle} X {ought} X {parts} + {pertaining} + {please} {portion} + {power} {promise} {provision} {purpose} {question} {rate} {reason} {report} {request} X (as hast) {said} {sake} {saying} {sentence} + {sign} + {so} some {[uncleanness]} somewhat to {say} + {song} {speech} X {spoken} {talk} {task} + {that} X there {done} thing ({concerning}) {thought} + {thus} {tidings} what {[soever]} + {wherewith} {which} {word} work.

## 10. Settling for less than GOD's Will

- Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had very large herds of cattle, and they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead [on the east side of the Jordan River], and indeed, the place was suitable for raising livestock ... They said, “If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not take us across the Jordan [River].” [Numbers 32:1,5 AMP](#)

GOD's Will = His best for us. GOD's plan/promise/will for the Israelites was the land of Canaan ([Exodus 6:4](#)) across the Jordan ([Deuteronomy 11:31](#)) a land flowing with Milk and Honey ([Exodus 3:8](#)) where one cluster of grapes had to be carried between two people on a pole! ([Numbers 13:23](#)). However, seeing a land on the way that was suitable for livestock, some Israelites chose that over GOD's will!

See also

- Now those who say such things show that they are seeking a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. [Hebrews 11:14-16 BSB](#)
- By faith Moses, when he was grown, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to suffer oppression with God's people rather than to experience the fleeting enjoyment of sin. He valued disgrace for Christ above the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his reward. [Hebrews 11:24-26 BSB](#)
- For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope *and* overflow with confidence in His promises. [Romans 15:4 AMP](#)

## 11. Doing GOD's Will unknowingly

- Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established *and* succeed. [Proverbs 16:3 AMPC](#)
- For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure. [Philippians 2:13 AMP](#)

He gives us the desire and strengthens us to do His will. In other words, when you are in tune with God, you automatically do His will even without consciously knowing. See below

- So Ruth went and picked up the leftover grain in a field after the reapers; and she happened to stop at the plot of land belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. [Ruth 2:3 AMP](#)

## CHAPTER 18: PERSONAL STORY

It all began one day in 1994. I was in college and was having my summer break. Here I was minding my own business when my elder brother told me that a family who had returned from abroad had started a library near to where we lived.



He said something that caught my attention; that the library membership was very cheap. I immediately went down to the library and found that the life membership was only Rs. 20 which is the equivalent to about a quarter of a US dollar or a fifth of a British pound. I paid the membership fee and then looked around the library. I was extremely disappointed to find that the library had only Christian books which I was not at all interested in reading. The library did however have a lot of magazines, mostly Christian but to my relief I found a few secular (non-Christian) ones like “The Week” and “Time” magazine. So I borrowed a few of these magazines and was leaving the library when I noticed a shelf kept just outside the library with a lot of leaflets. It had a word written on top which meant a lot to me. The word read **“FREE”!** So I took one of the leaflets and went home. I went through the magazines and when I had finished, read the leaflet which was written somewhat like a story (see example [HERE](#)). A sentence in it caught my attention which I now understand to be from the Bible. It was

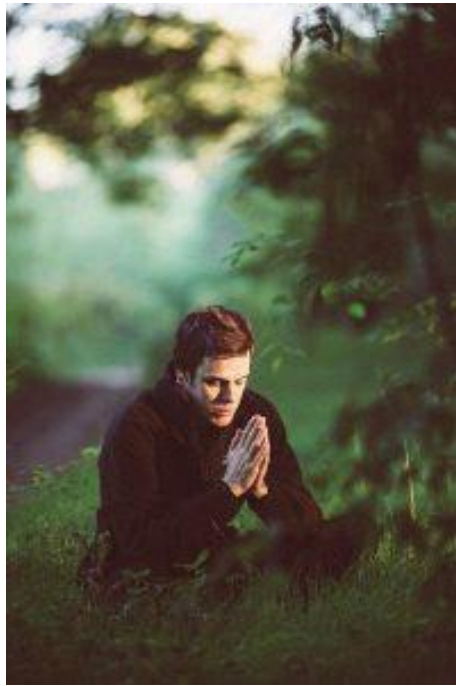
**what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? [Mark 8:36 NKJV](#)**

The leaflet went on talking about the need for forgiveness of sins so that one could go to heaven when life on earth is over. At the end of the leaflet was a suggested prayer which said something like this:



“God have mercy on me a sinner. I believe that Jesus is your son and that He died for me taking all of my sins upon Himself so that I could be forgiven of my sins. Please forgive me of all my sins. In Jesus’s name”

I knelt down beside my bed and sincerely prayed the prayer as I knew that what was written in the leaflet was true and that I couldn’t argue with it. I knew that I was a sinner and that if I died on that day I might not get to Heaven. After praying the prayer, I thought I would experience a lot of peace but was quite disappointed as I did not feel anything.



As I was an avid reader, the next day I went again to the library, got a few more magazines and as I left took another leaflet. This leaflet was scarier than the first as it said,

**Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. [Revelation 20:15 NIV](#)**

I again got on my knees and prayed asking God for forgiveness of sins in Jesus’s name as I didn’t know whether God had heard me the first time, the day before!

The third day, I went back to the library and told the person who was running the library that after reading the leaflets, I had asked God for forgiveness. He got very excited and told me a story about somebody called Nicodemus in the Bible and something about being Born-again. He asked me if I’d like to pray with him and then called everybody in the library and told them all that I had become Born-again. I didn’t really understand what the fuss was all about at the time. I now understand why (to know why, click [HERE](#)). I continued going back to the library for weekly prayers and bible studies which they had in the evenings.

Within the next few weeks I noticed a few changes in my life; mainly three things:

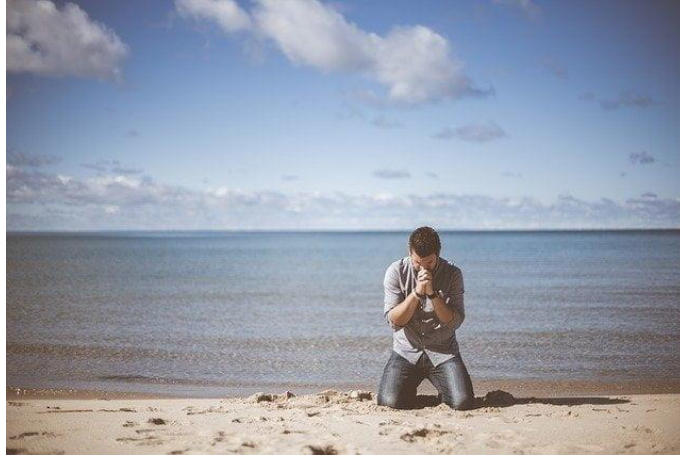
1. I started having a craving to read the Bible (to know why, click [HERE](#)). By this time, I had finished college and was working. My job was hectic and was from eight in the morning till eight at night. I would get home after work, have dinner and read the Bible till I slept. I would read the whole of the new testament of the Bible through in a week.



2. The second thing I noticed was that I became acutely sensitive to trying to do what was right/lawful (to know why, click [HERE](#)). For example, if the driving speed limit was 50 km/hr, I would take effort to make sure to not exceed it under any circumstances.



3. The third thing was that I started noticing that God was answering my own prayers. Previously it had been ‘hit or miss” (to know why, click [HERE](#)). For example, there was this lady who was due to have a Cataract operation on her right eye the next day. I prayed that the operation would go well and also that God would heal her left eye as well. As soon as the prayer was over, she started seeing from her left eye!



## Water Baptism

As I studied the bible, I found that I couldn't have enough of it. I discovered a book called a concordance, in which you could look up any word in the Bible. The concordance would tell you all the verses in the Bible that had the particular word you were searching for. From the concordance, I discovered that whenever the word "believe" or "repentance" was mentioned, it was almost always followed by the word baptism. See examples below:

- Peter replied, "Repent **and** be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:38 NIV](#)
- Whoever believes **and** is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [Mark 16:16 NIV](#)

In all these instances, I found that baptism followed (was after) believing/repentance, not the other way round.

I know that when I was baptised at 6 months of age, I had neither believed nor repented. So I realised I needed to get baptised. So I started searching for a Church that believed in "adult baptism" and got baptised.



# Holy Spirit Baptism

One of the verses in the bible, that I mentioned earlier struck me. It was

- Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the **Holy Spirit**. [Acts 2:38 NIV](#)”

As far as I could understand, this sentence had 3 parts

1. Repent
2. Water Baptism
3. Holy Spirit

I knew I had done the first two but did not want to be denied heaven because I had not received the third, the Holy Spirit. So using the concordance, I started studying which verses in the Bible talked about receiving the Holy Spirit. I found that the book of “Acts” in the Bible had about 5 instances of people receiving the Holy Spirit. The common thing I noticed was that wherever it was recorded, this was marked by people speaking in “Unknown Tongues”. I started attending prayer meetings where people were being prayed for to receive the Holy Spirit. However I did not receive the ability to speak in Tongues by any such prayers. One afternoon, after church I was very frustrated and praying asking God to give me the Holy Spirit. All of a sudden two words came to my mind. I dismissed these two words as words that either my mind had conjured up or that I had heard from other people. But knowing there was nothing to lose, I continued repeating those two words. Within a few minutes, to my surprise and amazement, these two words turned into full sentences that did not have the two words in them. It was then I realized that God had given me the Holy Spirit marked by my speaking in Tongues.



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