

## HOW TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER FROM GOD

### Prayer Can Change Your Life

Luke 1:5-23

We need **FOUR** attitudes in order to receive an answer from God.

#### TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER FROM GOD YOU MUST BE WILLING TO:

##### 1. LET GOD ANSWER IN HIS OWN TIME.

Zechariah: "How can I be sure of this?" Luke 1:18

"The angel said to him, 'Don't be afraid Zechariah, your prayer had been heard.'" Luke 1:13

##### Why does God delay our answers to prayer?

- a. to prepare us first.
- b. to get us ready.
- c. for us to grow up.

The fact of the matter is this: God is never **LATE**.  
God's delays are not God's denials.

What do I do and *how* do I pray when prayer is being delayed?  
You keep on praying until one of three things happens:

- I. You get the **ANSWER**.
- II. You get the **ASSURANCE** that you are going to get it.
- III. Until God reveals to you that it is not His **WILL**.

##### 2. LET GOD ANSWER IN HIS OWN WAY.

"... My ways are not your ways..." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

God's ways are always **BETTER** and usually **BIGGER** when He answers.

Our problem is twofold:

We ask **TOO LITTLE**, and we want it **TOO QUICKLY**.

"But God is able to do even exceedingly above what you are able to think or imagine." Ephesians 3:20

##### 3. LET GOD ANSWER IN HIS OWN POWER AND ABILITY.

Martha: "Lord if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." John 11:21

Jesus: "Martha, your brother will rise again." John 11:23

##### 4. LET GOD ANSWER FOR HIS OWN PURPOSE.

Why does God answer prayer? What are His reasons?  
For our **GROWTH** and for His **GLORY**.

Apostle Paul: Romans 1:7; 10; 15; 24.

Romans 15 - Paul's great prayer. He lived and breathed his desire to go to Rome.

"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation." Romans 15:20

"Pray that I'm going to have a prosperous journey." Romans 1:10; 15:24

Did God ever answer Paul's prayer? **YES**, but notice how He did it.

Luke says, talking about Paul:

"When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier to guard him." Acts 28:16 (NIV)

Why did Paul want to go to Rome? **TO PREACH**

Why did God want Paul in Rome? **TO WRITE**

##### How God answer's our Prayers:

When you pray and the request is not right, God says "**NO**."  
When you pray and you are not right, God says, "**GROW**."  
When you pray and the timing is not right, God says, "**SLOW**."  
When everything's in place, God says, "**GO**."

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