What to do After you Pray the Word of God

John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15

Praying the Word of God is a practice that should be in the life of every believer. When we align our prayers with the Word of God, we speak God's promises, live in His wisdom, and impart His truth into our lives and situations. So, what happens after we pray the Word of God? The work is not finished; it is not complete. In fact, it has just begun. There is a next step we all must take. When we take these steps, they grow us; they draw us closer to God in ways we have not known before. The next step is the most difficult of all for most of us. The next step is waiting, waiting on God.

The next step is crucial. The next is to surrender to God's timing. The next step is to wait on God's response. Waiting and surrendering involves the spiritual mechanics of trust and patience and surrendering control. Only when we engage these spiritual principles can we align ourselves with the Word of God and receive the spiritual strength to wait. Waiting is not a human activity. It is not something we humans can do alone. It requires a strength that comes from the Holy Spirit. It is a strength that the Word of God increases. Waiting is not passive. Waiting deepens our relationship with God. Because waiting reminds us how dependent we are on God. Waiting brings into sharp focus our limitations and inability to change events. Waiting shows us that we cannot hurry things. Everything of God moves in the "fulness of time." Waiting is a tangible demonstration that shows God is in control.

I want to set forth some mechanics needed to wait on God after praying His Word. Give some of the steps that you can use. These steps align with the journey of surrender and living in acceptance.

1: The Power of Praying the Word of God

I want us to realize that when we pray the Word of God and trust in that Word we are aligning everything we want in prayer with the Will of God **as it is stated in Scripture**. What this means is that our prayers are anchored in God's Word. We bring John 15:7 to life in our prayers**. "If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."** This scripture emphasizes the extraordinary connection between abiding in God's Word and having God's Word abide in you and seeing our prayers

answered. This is not a magic bullet. It is a profound statement of spiritual growth and transformation. It requires dedication to Jesus and the Word of God.

Praying the Word of God is foundational in building faith. It is not giving something for something else. It is you and me becoming something different, something completely changed, wholly transformed, while waiting on God because God is reshaping us in the process of waiting.

2: Waiting as the Next Step in Prayer

After we have prayed the Word of God, we wait. Waiting is faith in surrender mode. Waiting is letting go and trusting God. Waiting is saying, "We trust in Your timing, Lord." "We trust in Your Wisdom, Your Omnipotence, Lord." "We give this to You and You alone, Lord."

Waiting Builds Trust in God's Timing

What does waiting do? Why is waiting important? Waiting grows us. Waiting makes us think about our limitations. Waiting makes us surrender control because we realize we cannot change what is happening in our lives. Waiting in faith and trust is an act of continued surrender. **Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength."** That strength comes from trusting in the Word of God. It comes from trusting the character of God. It comes from knowing that God always keeps His promises. Waiting introduces to the spiritually open a deeper dependence on God. As we wait we discover as God unveils by His actions that His timing is perfect. Even when it is different than what we would have done. When we wait, it says we are not taking matters into our own hands. It is one thing to pray a bold prayer, but it is a different story altogether to sit patiently during the waiting period.

3: The Mechanics of Waiting After Prayer

Waiting is a component of prayer that God instituted for our spiritual development. Waiting tests our resolve to trust in God because it demands us to let go. I will list some practical mechanics that need to be employed if you intend to wait in faith.

Surrendering Control

When we pray the Word of God, we let go of our expectations. I know we all have specific outcomes in mind. Letting go means letting go of the expectations of how and when God should act. There is no waiting without surrender. You are not waiting if you have surrendered your expectations. I want you to experience the freedom from being anxious and anxiety-filled once you surrender. The reason becomes clear. You are no longer trying to force the outcome.

A scripture that we can use every day of our lives is **Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."** Reading this scripture daily helps you remain in peace with yourself as you wait.

Trusting in God's Timing

The most critical aspect of waiting is understanding and accepting that God's timing is not our timing. In those times of urgency, this can become challenging. When our impatience grows, waiting becomes even more complex. Ultimately, trusting in God's timing and actions means accepting that God knows the best way to respond to our prayers. When we learn to wait, we learn to trust in God. To trust He will remain faithful to His promises.

When feeling like the world is crashing in around you, remember **Psalm 27:14: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."** God's Word strengthens you when you need it most.

4: The Importance of Acceptance in Waiting

In the context of praying the Word of God, acceptance means trusting that God's ways are higher than ours and embracing the reality that His will may differ from our desires. It also means we know that God knows best. Even when we do not wish to let go. We know that acceptance allows us to find peace, even when the outcome of our prayer is not what we expected.

Accepting God's Will

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane prayed for something specific. In the end, God's answer was different from His prayer. Prayer must involve surrender if the prayer is answered. Only the prayer prayed in surrender is answered. Only the prayer prayed in the attitude of surrender and acceptance realizes the prayer has been answered. **Luke 22:42: Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."** Jesus was both surrendered and accepting in His prayer. This is a profound example of wanting something else and understanding it was impossible. In His humanity, Jesus wanted to run away from the cross. In His mission, He understood He could not.

Finally:

Praying the Word of God aligns our hearts with God's Will and Plans. However, the next step cannot be ignored. It is equally important. As I stated earlier, surrender and waiting cannot be separated. When they are, you are not waiting on God. You are doing it yourself. Remember, the mechanics of waiting, the need to surrender control, the strength that

comes from trusting God's timing, practicing gratitude, and accepting God's will—are necessary while we await His divine response.

Blessings,
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