

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

Mark: 1:35 & Matt: 11: 11-12

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Faith and Patience

Hebrews 6:12 & 15

1. Faith works with a partner – Patience!

Patience - The ability to remain steadfast, to continue pressing on and pressing in with a calm assurance and a bold confidence, regardless of the adversity or the length of time that has transpired, knowing that what God has said will surely come to pass.

It is the Greek word “makrothumia” and is rendered - to be long-winded or long-spirited; having fortitude; longsuffering; with long enduring temper.

2. Faith and patience are the actual instruments through which the promises of God are received for our lives!

a. They work together - It takes a man and a woman to produce a child. The sperm and the egg produce new life; they go together.

b. Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is now" - faith sees the end from the beginning

- Because faith is now, if from the moment a woman conceives the child until it's birth would be a matter of seconds instead of months, and that could be disastrous!
- Think of the contortions that woman's body would go through stretching - chemical changes. It would devastate her physically, mentally and emotionally. It would be impossible for her to adjust to all the phenomenal changes so suddenly.
- In spiritual terms, that is exactly what would happen if the dream or vision God put in our heart manifested instantly. We would be unprepared to carry it forth.
- James 1: 3 - 4 "Knowing this, that the trying of our faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

3. Patience brings God's perfect timing into the picture. Without patience there is no "Due Season" Due Season = means exactly the right time, both for us, and the full manifestation of our dream. (Galatians 6: 9)!

4. God knows:

- a. We need time to adjust to all the changes in our lives that are products of fulfilling our vision.
- b. We must build up our muscle of faith: it s the sustaining force of our life
- c. It brings forth perfection and maturity into our lives.

5. Fulfilling our dreams and God's purpose for our lives will require us to make adjustments!

- a. Wrong attitudes must be discarded - God will work on our actions and reactions.
- b. We will be required to stretch in ways we never thought possible.
- c. Our motives will be challenged.

6. What can we do now? Patience is not passive!

- a. Begin now to make preparations for what God has told us to do.
- b. It will take the blessing and anointing of God and a lot of hard work
- c. At the very core of God's being is faithfulness - what God has promised - He will perform - He will do what He promised.

As we continue believing the Lord for the move of His Spirit in this territory let us hold fast our profession of Faith patiently to the very fulfilling of every purpose the Lord has purposed for us.

PRAYER BATTLELINES!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let us lift up strong prayer over Sis Tania Bryan and her team, as they get ready to begin teaching English! Let us proclaim the GRACE of God over them at this time!• Pray for Divine Accuracy, as we get ready to set in elders in the church!• Pray for RESOURCES for Dominion-Life International as we continue to build with and for the Lord!• Pray resolutely over the souls in this region, as we get ready to reach out to this community around us.• Pray for LABOURERS to send into this harvest!• Let us be in prayer for Candice Scantlebury, as she gets ready for her missionary journey into Madagascar in May. Let us believe with her that she will acquire everything that she needs for this journey!• For greater breakthrough and penetration through our Praise and Worship! | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Pamela O'Keefe as she plays in our women's [WISE] meetings!• Lift up strong prayer over our youth. Pray for wisdom, integrity and the FEAR OF THE LORD to be strong in their lives. Pray for those who will be graduating this year that they will excel!• Pray strong over Vancouver, Canada. Make strong declarations and decrees over this region – keep speaking against the incorrect designation that this region is a graveyard. Let the devils know that the Spirit and Power of Elijah is in this place and the dry bones in this territory WILL LIVE!!!• Lift up Pastor Walter Boston and City of Praise and CAUSE International as the Lord continues to use them in His purpose! Also for him as he comes to us in April.• Lift up Prophet Prathan Powell Snr. Who will be accompanying Pastor Boston.• Lift up Pastor Paul from Portland.• For the whole weekend of April 12 – 14 2002. That the Lord will have His Way! |
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