

## **Do you struggle to get answer to your prayers?**

Do you feel so despondent that all you want to do is to give up and to even let go of your spiritual walk with Jesus. Yes, you may be thinking that all your efforts are indeed in vain. Why carry on when all you have and can taste is defeat upon defeat?

So if you are finding yourself in this type of predicament, know that there is something you must and will have to do in order to get victory and so that you can once again regain your foothold in Christ. You need to claim your standing in Christ back or else you will be sinking deeper and deeper into despondency and despair.

So how do you have to go about? you may be asking. Forgive those who have hurt you, those you feel you don't really hate but whom you can also not really forgive for one or other evil trespass or hurtful act that was done to you and which might have caused great harm to you.

Because Jesus demands of us to love - that divine love the apostle Paul portrays for us in 1 Cor. 13 - and because He had set the example for us, you and I have no option but to show love to those who hate us, those who have wronged us, those we feel we don't want to associate with any longer.

Although forgiveness then does not always mean that we must pick up the pieces, beginning friendships and close liaisons anew, it does require of us to extend love even to our fiercest enemies even from a distance. This way, we will ensure victory in and through Jesus all the time as what we are then doing is to set our enemies free but simultaneously releasing ourselves from the bondage of satan who does not want us to practise Biblical love.

Doing this, will miraculously work peace of mind deeply within and we will soon find that where we usually were failing to get our much desired answer to prayer, once we have forgiven extending love to those who have harmed us, we will just experience how Jesus will quickly come to our aid giving us victory!

It works then like a door stop. In order to fling the door open and so that we can feel the fresh air coming in, we must remove the obstacle, the door stop first and foremost. Fact is, Jesus cannot and will not answer our prayers unless we do things in accordance with the example He had set for us. And it is not as difficult as you may think.

Just remind yourself that satan wants you to taste defeat all the time and he will therefore make you oblivious of the door stop. Yes you may unlock the door, pulling it with all your strength, but all your efforts will be in vain. And all the time you yourself are suffering defeat.

You will therefore not taste victory, knowing the joy of answered prayer unless you love as Jesus has loved us. It is indeed this mysterious spiritual quality that will help you regain your lost ground in Christ.

So if you experience failure all the time, not receiving answer to your prayers, reassess your whole situation first and foremost, using the mirror of love and so that you can reflect on what may be barring you from tasting God's goodness. And I can assure you that once you have looked into the face of Jesus, seeing Him helpless on the Cross, and hearing His voice saying, "Father forgive them for they don't know what they do", you will once again experience that surge of victory in your heart. You will just know that peace and love are our sure foundation.

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