

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF PRAYER

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“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as Eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint” - Isaiah 40:31.

The altar of prayer is an amazing platform for securing destinies all across the world (James 5:13-18). The devil always fights the altar of prayer because he knows how powerful that platform is. The altar of prayer is the altar of grace (Hebrews 4:16). For any counsel of the Lord to come to pass in our lives, we must pray. If we cannot ask, we have to forget about receiving.

Prayer is a powerful platform for enforcing any of our desired change (Jeremiah 33:3). Whatever is written in God's word is there for our admonition (Romans 15:4). The Bible records that a 16-year-old boy reigned in Israel in the days of Zechariah. He sought God and God made him to prosper as long as he sought God (2Chronicles26:1).

He strengthened himself exceedingly via the altar of prayer. Irrespective of his tender age, he was absolutely in command and his secret was in seeking the Lord (2 Chronicles 26:1-8). If you must be helped by the Lord, you have to seek the Lord. You don't do what you like; you do what you are commanded to do.

When you secure God's presence through prayers, depression and all manner of negativities will leave you alone. Prayer is a platform for all manner of supernatural breakthroughs. Supernatural is whatever is superior to the natural. Every yoke is breakable when you employ the relevant forces of the spirit. You must rise up and react in the place of prayer in order to be rid of issues in your life. There are some cases that cannot be solved except by prayer and fasting (Isaiah 58:6). Each time you add fasting to prayer, you are set for the breaking of every yoke (Isaiah 58:8-9).

Supernatural and continuous guidance is one of the results of prayer and fasting (Isaiah 58:10). Prayer and fasting is a spiritual adventure for a colourful advancement in the Kingdom (Acts 1:1; Mathew 6:5-7). If you refuse to pray, you become a prey for the enemy and risk being swallowed up. You have to pray. Take charge of your body; bring it under subjection, so you can pray.

The most potent instrument of the enemy against anyone is their ignorance. That is why there has to be critical and constant self-appraisal in our lives. Fasting is a very critical requirement for advancement in the Kingdom. You must fast. Maximise the instrument of fasting for advancement in the Kingdom (Mathew 6:16). This is the season in God's plan, where you and I are expected to fast (Mathew 9:14-15). When you sow to the flesh, you reap corruption, but when you sow to the spirit, you reap everlasting life.

Many people are prayer collectors, moving from one Pastor to the other collecting prayers. But there are some challenges facing you that will not be solved by another man's prayer. You must learn to take responsibility on the altar of prayers (Luke 4:1; Mathew 7:8). The primary purpose of fasting and prayer, however, is empowerment. On this platform, you are strengthened and empowered to command exploits (Mathew 17:17-18; Acts 2:42-47).

The prayer altar confers power (Acts 6:4; 2 Corinthians 6:5; 2 Corinthians 11). Apostle Paul, for instance, was a prayer addict. He lived and breathed prayer and ended up becoming the most influential Apostle of the early Church. He operated so much in the supernatural that it was said of him, "The gods are come to us in human flesh," (Acts 14:11).