

Prayers Amazing Blessing

Eph 3:20, “Now to Him (God) who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,”

We spend a lot of time in ministry waiting for God to answer our prayers — waiting for God’s timing in our church, in our families, and in our own spiritual lives. When we want God to answer our prayers, we must be willing to not only let God answer whenever he thinks is best but also however he thinks is best.

It often difficult to remember that God’s ways ***are always*** better and bigger and higher than ours. What would have happened in the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth if God had answered their request for a baby immediately? They would have gotten a sweet little baby to love and cherish. ***But God delayed*** answering the request for a number of years, and then when he did answer, he gave them John the Baptist—the cousin of Jesus Christ, the only prophet to see the prophecies of Jesus fulfilled, and the forerunner of the Messiah.

The Apostle Paul brought out in *Ephesians 3:20* that our problem is twofold:

- 1. We ask too little*
- 2. We want it too soon.*

REMEMBER - God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

Think of the greatest thing in your imagination, and God can do even bigger than that. Sometimes we believe that verse and try to claim it. We imagine the biggest thing we can pray for and think, “This is really going to impress God.” We pray for it and wait for the “Wow!” from God. Instead, God says, “Can’t you do any better than that? Where’s your creativity? Where’s your imagination? Why don’t you try believing me for something beyond what you can imagine?”

If God had answered some of our prayers exactly as we had asked them, we would have gotten shortchanged. We should be thankful God doesn’t answer all of our prayers. His answers are always much greater than our requests.

Christianity is the greatest quest, with the greatest destiny. Charles Stanely

How could we ever find anything more worthy than the pursuit of God, growing in the knowledge of His ways, and the devotion to do His will?

Ps 142:1, I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

Thank you, Lord, that you did not leave us empty-handed. That we have the wisdom of Your truth and of Your word to depend on to navigate us through this world. Father, we ask that You would give us Your mind. Help us to filter everything that comes across our lives through Your perspective. We want a mind like Christ and want to be transformed through the renewing of our mind.

We ask that the Holy Spirit please empower us and guide us. Please protect our minds and prompt us in those moments to rid ourselves of anything that is not focused on You.

Lord, we ask that You change the way we think. That You would please guide us into Your path You have for us. Give me the ability to trust You, rely on You and to have confidence in Your timing. Help us to think on things above, not on things of this world. Remind us “to think on things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, are of good report...anything praiseworthy, to think on such things.” We want to honor You in all that we do. Lord thank You for the many amazing blessings You give. We love You, Lord. In Jesus’ Name, Amen

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