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THE FIRST KEY
Surrendering to God’s Will
Through Prayer

The first and the main key to receiving answered prayer always comes back the truth that all blessings, answers, and miracles come from surrendering to God’s will. God has answers for prayers and questions that many have not even thought of yet. Isn’t it awesome that God has answers for untold prayers that most, if not all, Christians haven’t even thought about praying yet?

Instead of trying to puzzle through what we are sure would be the only answer to our prayers and needs and problems, we need to take them to God as

the only One who knows all the right and the best answers. He knows exactly what to do!

He knows all of the parts and pieces of our needs and problems, all kinds of parts that we don’t a clue about because we can just see the surface of our problems. We only look for answers to the parts of the problem that we are aware of; not realizing other parts/issues might be involved.

When many people hear me say that the bottom line of answered prayer is that God’s will is the only good solution to every situation, they just think, “Yeah, I’ve heard that one before.”

Obviously, those believers haven’t believed it or lived it!

Their next words are often: “The Bible says we don’t have because we don’t ask. So I do ask for what I want and I need, but then I don’t get it.” Jesus did say the above words, but we have massaged what we think He was saying so it will fit our own expectations.

In The Amplified Bible, John 16:24, we read: “Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name [as presenting all that I AM]; but now ask and keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full and complete.”

The only possible glitch here is that John 16:24
is not referring to new jobs, money, fame and recognition, or to prospective mates—and that is often what our prayers to new jobs, money, fame and recognition, or to prospective mates—and that is often what our prayers ask for. That is what many are determined to believe that this Scripture means they can ask for.

Adam Clarke’s Commentary translates John 16:24 to read: [Ask] in my name; and ye shall receive all the salvation ye thus request; the consequence of which shall be that your joy shall be full—ye shall be thoroughly happy in being made completely holy.

In Barnes’ Notes, regarding Matthew 7:7-11, we read: [Every one that asketh receiveth]. That is, every one that asks aright; that prays in faith, and in submission to the will of God. He does not always give the very thing which we ask, but He gives what would be better.”

We need to change our prayers to agree with God’s plans and purposes for our lives to get strong, vital, and encouraging answers.

Does this first Key to Answered Prayer seem discouraging to you when you just want to ask for things you want and believe you need? FYI: Your heavenly Father knows exactly what you need. Can you believe that? Can you trust Him when He says He wants your joy (gladness, delight) to be full and complete?

When you seek His will in all things, you are saying that you agree with His plans for your destiny and His will. You declare you really want to learn how to trust Him for your perfect answers, blessings, and miracles. You need to stop trying to tell God what will make you happy and fulfill you. He knows all about that better than you do. So we must begin the study of these Keys to Answered Prayer with the understanding and acceptance of that truth.

Once more—this truth is clearly stated in the verse of Luke 12:29-31 (NKJV): “Do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

Accept the truth and then begin to pray and believe that God really does want the best for you. This will position you to receive great answers to your areas of need as well as the great things you are daring to believe He might do for you. Pray this:

Father, You know what I need and what will fulfill my life and bring me great joy far better than I do. It’s taken me a long time to learn that; but I’m ready to trust You to provide what You know is best for me.

Thank you for the Keys of the Kingdom in Matthew 16:19. Father, I bind my will to your will, understanding that this means I am obligating my will to yours. I want what You want, more than I want my own way. I want what You want more than I want money, a mate, or more recognition. Help me to get my priorities straight because I realize that I have let the world really mess with them.

I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus. I want your thoughts to be the ruler’s edge that I can always count on to nudge me back into right thinking if I start to get confused and begin to wander outside the lines. I bind my raggedy emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. I
do not want to be ruled by any negative reactions or distractions of my emotions;

I want my emotions to be delightful spices and flavorings for my life as I walk with You in the center of your will.

The main key to answered prayer always comes back to the truth that all blessings, answers, and miracles come from surrendering to God's will. You have answers for prayers and questions that I have not even thought of yet.

Thank you, Lord, for helping me to get my first priority straight—which is to know that You loved me first. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me and bringing into the family of God. In Your Name, Jesus, Amen.

THE SECOND KEY
Changing How Your Prayers are Answered

I think the following passage I recently found is truly remarkable. If only all believers really trusted and practiced the second sentence:

Remember that you are a pilgrim passing through your time on the earth right now, but you are already and forever a citizen in His Kingdom. Live like you believe it!

The Keys to Answered Prayer always end up coming back to this: Do you really want God’s will? Or, do you have a preconceived idea about what your answer should be and that is what you are praying for, straining to see the manifestation of, and doggedly standing on your faith to receive?

Sometimes our stands of faith are nothing more than attempts at spiritual blackmail to get what we want from God. That is the “God’s Word says such and such...and I’m standing in faith for it until I get it” type of stand. Perhaps you need to ask yourself if your prayers are simply a firm of trying to force God to get on board with your plans because you have so much “faith.” Is your most focused time spent with God just to lay out your self-perceived needs and desires and hopes?

We all allow, even embrace, things in our life that pander to our souls (one example that comes to mind are our favorite television shows) instead of strengthening our relationship with God. Think for a moment about someone who ignored you twenty-three hours and fifty minutes of the day, but became kind and gracious and complimentary when they showed up the last ten minutes asking for something from you.

God probably does not measure whether or not He answers our prayers by how much attention we pay to Him. I do know that He certainly does respond to those who are eager to spend time with Him, to read about Him, and to share with others about Him. He also wants to have our ear when it is time to help us understand how we are asking for the wrong things, struggling with the wrong timing, or desiring something that will take even more of our attention and time away from our relationship with Him.

Some Answers Are Really Different From What We Expect Them To Be

What about genuine, even emergency-oriented, crises where we truly do need Him to intervene in our life circumstances? There is a very interesting little story that has been around for years, but it is quite appropriate and timely for here:
A man of strong Christian faith, John, was warned by a horseback rider galloping up to his house shouting that the river was rising and a flood was coming. The rider offered to let John ride with him to safety. John said, “I’m a Christian and my God will take care of me. Thank you, but I’ll wait here for His answer.” The water of the river began to flow into the little valley where his home sat.

A small motorboat came by and the man piloting it called out, “John, there is a flood coming. Jump into my boat and we’ll head for safety!”

John said, “I’m a Christian and my God will take care of me. Thank you, but I’ll wait here for His answer.” The water continued to rise and John had to go up to his second floor and get on the roof. A helicopter flew over his head and the pilot shouted down, “Get in the basket, John, and we’ll carry you to the top of that hill where you will be safe!”

John said, “I’m a Christian and my God will save me. Thank you, but I’ll just wait to see what He is going to do.” The helicopter flew off as the water continued to rise around John’s house, even around John’s feet on the roof. Finally the flood swept him away and he drowned.

When he arrived in heaven, John was upset. The first thing he wanted to do was ask God why He hadn’t saved him. He said to God, “Lord, I believed in you. I told everyone that You were going to take care of me. I kept waiting for your answer.”

God replied, “John, I did answer you. I sent you a horse, a boat, and a helicopter.”

How often has it seemed to you that God has ignored your prayers, just like John felt God had ignored him in this story? If you were praying right prayers, your perfect answer did come from your heavenly Father, but it probably didn’t fit your pre-conceived ideas of what God would or should do in your specific circumstance.

So you rejected it because it did not fit your idea of what you were expecting. There are times when answers come, and they are so different from what we expect that we reject them, saying, “My God wouldn’t do that,” or worse yet, “My God or would never ask me to do that.” The biggest blessing you ever had might come from your obedience to what God did want you to do.

Unless you are deep into working on surrendering your entire life to God’s will, your unsurrendered soul will often vehemently fight against whatever God wants to show you and perhaps even give you. However, in spite of the prayers you pray or the decisions you make, your God will still be working out whatever He knows is best for you whether or not it fits your concepts of His love, right timing, and appropriate answers! Your answer just might not come as soon as it might have come.

Perhaps a neighbor is suing you over an issue that started small but grew into a complication that seemed totally unreasonable to you. You began to pray for God to resolve the issue (even though you had not asked His help or advice about the situation previously).

God sends you a horse, only it appears in the form of a Scripture speaking of loving your neighbor. You are still waiting for God to send your answer!

God sends you a motor boat, only it appears in the form of someone speaking to you about forgiving others. You think, “That certainly isn’t
the case of what needs to be done here!” and you are still waiting for God to send your answer.

God sends you a helicopter, but you are too busy to recognize it. You are hiring an attorney to countersue your neighbor. The flood arrives in the form of a verdict in favor of your neighbor and you are astounded as to why God didn’t answer your prayers. He sent you a horse, a motor boat, and a helicopter, but your soul’s predetermined plans kept you from seeing any of them.

God loves to hear your prayers, except I wonder if He doesn’t sometimes roll His eyes at whiney, self-focused, and soulish prayers. Think about how you actually pray.

Do you run your list of everything bad being spoken about you or being spoken to you, even asking God to get even for you? Do you remind God of all the things you are still waiting for or all the things others have done to you and you declare you want Him to give you justice at their expense?

Do you realize that prayer changes us, but it’s faith in Him that pleases God (Hebrews 11:6, The Message)?

Do you question God why you haven’t received blessings like George or Sally; after all, you are sure that you do more and give more to the church than they do? God will patiently listen to you, but often you have prayed things He simply does not respond to when one of His children is having a brat day. You know those prayers:

- “God, please make him do this for me…”
- “Lord, please let the court rule in my favor…”
- “Jesus, make other people stop being so rude to me…”
- “God, please cause her to be really sorry for…”
- “God, when are you going to stand up for me and make him pay for…”
- “God, that position (money, relationship, answer, blessing) should have been mine…”
- “God, reveal her true colors and let others know that she didn’t deserve this as much as I did…”

Do any of those sound familiar?

God wants to help us and will when we clear out our souls’ channels and static to listen to Him. He blesses when we finally learn to patiently wait for His answers, fully trusting in His great wisdom, love, timing, and plans for our futures. Too frequently we say in our hearts or hear from a family member, “Don't get your hopes up.” The Lord says, “YES, get your hopes up by setting your gaze upon Me and not your circumstances!”

You could say that God blesses our right attitudes—attitudes for to use for blessings, strengthening, and encouraging those we felt were using us. An attitude is: a way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person’s behavior. God answers sooner when we pray and get our attitudes right toward others.
Have you ever thought about how God may let some things happen to you to reveal your own wrong attitudes, reactions, and self-focus because He could not get you to listen to Him any other way? Ouch, but true enough! God really is more interested in the development of your character and the surrender of your soul than He is in making your day go the way you want it to.

Pray this prayer and tell God that you are sorry for your impatience, your self-focus, and your “off” attitudes.

Thank Him for the horses, the boats, and the helicopters He sends as you keep working on loosing your preconceived ideas and misconceptions about how He should meet your needs. This is how you get your prayers answered in new and exciting ways—ways you never recognized before!

Lord, thank you for helping me to see beyond my own short-sighted requests, Father. Help me to learn that You don’t answer some of my prayers because I am not praying in love nor am I praying for your will to be done.

I bind myself body, soul, and spirit to your plans and purposes for my life. I bind my will to your will because I choose to obligate it to You. I bind my ideas of timing to your better timing. I bind my ideas about what I want and think I need to your mind, Jesus. I loose my negative emotional reactions to others and to my circumstances.

Help me to recognize that what I see as a delay may be allowing You to work something out in me, and for me, in my circumstances (or in the lives of those around me). Help me to accept that You never put me on hold while You are talking to or taking care of someone more “important.”

Your Word says that you are interested in every part of my life. The great God who created the universe and everything beyond is watching over the smallest parts of my life every day. What a concept! Lord, that is unfathomable to me, but I love it.

Thank you for your care and faithfulness that always cover me, even if I am having a brat day. Forgive me for my brat days, I am working on them. I want your best answers in your best timing. Help me to always remember that when the flood waters start coming, I might miss a few horses or a few boats until I get better at this, but I want to learn how to recognize when your answers come.

I loose all preconceived ideas and misconceptions about how You should answer my prayers and meet my needs. I loose wrong beliefs I have learned to believe about who really is in charge of my life. I loose all the distractions and reactions of my soul, of the world, and of the works of the enemy from my life. Bless you, Father, and thank you for everything You are doing. In Jesus’ Name, Amen

Third Key To Answered Prayer
CHANGING HOW YOU THINK

We often forget to run a security check on how we are thinking. We need to do this on a regular basis. Don’t expect that the fox (aka—your unsurrendered soul) will notify you if any holes and weaknesses have popped up in the hen house since you last checked.

It is to the fox’s benefit to keep you from knowing about these weaknesses so that he can take advantage of them.
is also to your unsurrendered soul’s advantage to stop you from thinking about the wrong thoughts you are thinking.

I spoke with a friend in the ministry a few months ago, a friend who was very tired, discouraged, and struggling. She said, “I just have to believe that I cannot believe anything my mind or emotions are trying to tell me right now.”

**That is a brilliant conclusion!**

When you are tired or discouraged, your unsurrendered soul will go into overdrive to convince you that every negative thought or emotion it is putting forth is true. “It’s true, it’s all true,” your unsurrendered soul cries! “You’re not going to make it; you’re failing on every front. Are you listening? You aren’t going to make it, you’ve never had a chance, and no one cares!”

At the first sign of fatigue or weakness on your part, your soul recognizes that this is the best possible time to attack your spiritual beliefs, your hopes and dreams, and your relationship with God.

Your thought life originates in your soul which consists of your mind, will, and emotions. When you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, your unsurrendered soul (and the unsurrendered souls of at least 98% of all new Christians) probably backed up, dug in, and said, “Call a meeting—we need to retake the hill—and fast!”

Until your soul has completely surrendered to God’s love, plans, and truth, it will constantly try to take back territory in your thoughts and emotions that it once had control over, but now sees you gradually taking control over certain territories.

Dozens of people have assured me that they don’t have any problems with their thought life because they just take authority over any wrong thoughts and emotions that try to invade their minds. **Special Alert:** Unfortunately, this is rarely successful.

Your surrendered soul tries to deceive you into thinking that it is subject to your decision to take authority over it. It does this by temporarily stopping its projecting of its wrong thoughts and emotions. All the while, it is already planning to come at you another way.

**No part of you enables or allows you to take authority over your will. Read that again. Your unsurrendered soul will not stand against itself. Therein lies the key to understanding why the Keys of the Kingdom prayer principles can be so valuable to you!**

The prayer principles using the binding and loosing keys allow you force your soul to give up its wrong thoughts and its wrong emotional reactions and responses in spite of its will power.

In order to exercise any kind of authority over anything, there must be a genuine source of authority that backs up a delegated agent of that authority with an adequate reserve of power. Got that?

Your desire to take authority over your feelings and thoughts is admirable, but you would have to fight with yourself to do so. That is an internal civil war that you usually cannot win. Your will does not want to share its authority with any attempt you make to change your inner thoughts and your emotions.

Instead, you need to change how you think about your whole mind, will, and emotion scenario.
The description above of a source of authority with an adequate reserve of power to back up delegated agents of that authority (we’re the delegated authorities), is God (the Authority).

First, you need to understand exactly what God will or will not back up when you decide to go to war. Second, you need to determine your motive for wanting the authority to win the war.

If your motive in exercising authority and power over the enemy is to show him and others how much power you have, you’re on very thin ice. God probably won’t back you up. If your motive is to protect someone or break bondages without any fanfare or recognition for yourself, watch for God to show up and show out!

God wants His authority used to complete His plans for the benefit of all of His people. He especially keeps track of those who truly want to help others (with little concern for recognition for themselves). God’s plan is the key factor here.

Example: You can try to take authority over an empty gas tank all day long, and your car still won’t run. Important point: God may have tried to nudge you, again and again, into getting gas earlier—but you didn’t listen. You ignored His plan.

You can try to take authority over a stack of unpaid bills all week long, and they still won’t be paid. God may have been speaking to you about your finances for a long time. He won’t supernaturally pay your bills to back up the authority you try to take over them. You ignored His plan.

You speak with the authority of Christ only when it furthers His plans and purposes—not when you just wish to get yourself out of something unpleasant or out of the consequences of your own wrong choices.

You are the one who is still choosing to make wrong choices. Wrong choices others made for you are in the past and should be forgiven. God’s plan is that you lose your unsurrendered soul’s recycling of the effects of wrong choices other people made for you (as a child, as an employee, as an abused spouse, etc.).

Pray and bind your will to God’s will, your mind to the mind of Christ, and your emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Then loose, smash, crush, and destroy the effects and influence of all wrong choices other people made (and your continued reactions to them) that have influenced your life.

Some people had the blessing of being raised by godly people who taught them how to make right choices. Many of us didn’t. That doesn’t mean you can freely choose to think wrong thoughts about or blame the people who raised you. God has another plan for you. Get that one worked out and then God can use you to help others get free from that self-perpetuating cycle.

You need to come of out of your self-focus on this issue and recognize that when people fall short of being perfect in raising children, it is because they were raised by people who fell short of being perfect. The ones who raised them were probably raised by people who fell short of being perfect!

At some point you have to recognize that trying to find someone to blame for the shortcomings in how you were raised will mean a trip back to the Garden of Eden. There is a better way to think about this!

God has left a highly effective instruction manual along with a collection of His love letters to encourage you that you can learn
how to make right godly choices—powerful choices! Always remember—right and godly thoughts produce right and godly choices which produce right and godly consequences.

God’s plan is that you learn how to think right thoughts to help you make good choices. You need to begin to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom. Stop rerunning the negative thoughts, if for only a moment, long enough to pray and bind your mind to the mind of Christ. Then immediately follow that up by loosing all wrong thoughts (thoughts that are clearly not thoughts from God) coming from your not-yet renewed mind!

You are not relying here upon your own will power! You are using the supernatural Keys of the Kingdom to deal with and evict wrong thoughts from your mind. That is a win-win situation!

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV).

Recognize God’s Plan
Nowhere in the Bible can you read that God will use His power to override and change your thought life. But He has given you the Keys of the Kingdom which allow you to pray with all of their supernatural power (power is another word for authority) to choose to clear wrong beliefs, wrong thought patterns, and wrong attitudes out of your soul.

This makes room within your mind, will, and emotions to allow God’s love and knowledge of His plan for you to flow into and take root within your inner being.

The closest thing to your being able to take authority over yourself is when you choose to both receive and to cooperate with the Fruit of the Spirit. It will flow into the space you create when you loosed (get rid of) the toxic waste in your soul.

The fruit of self-control (or temperance which means to choose to practice self-restraint) helps you to recognize and want to loose (eliminate) wrong patterns of thinking.

If you allow your unsurrendered soul to keep recycling its wrong patterns of thinking, you will find yourself battling against any desire to bind your mind to the mind of Christ. You need to focus on the results of cooperating with the Fruit of the Spirit (which will be covered in a later Key).

To be focused means you refuse to let worldly, soulish, or demonic distractions interfere with your expectations of the results of God’s plan.

What are worldly, soulish, and demonic distractions? Attempts of others, your unsurrendered soul, and the enemy to convince you that there is something more promising, more exciting, and more immediate that you can have. Your recycled will tell you over and over that you will never attain what you are hoping to have, anyway.

Keep these distractions from interfering with your hopes and expectations by staying fixed upon your spiritual goal or goals, by binding your will to God’s will, and by loosing worldly, soulish, and evil spirit’s distractions. Loose, smash, and destroy whatever would seem to interfere with God’s plans and purposes to bless, prosper, and give you fantastic opportunities that will fulfill you.

Do You Have A Spiritual Goal?
Successful athletes exercise self-control as they are training because they have a clearly defined
purpose or goal. Having a clearly defined purpose or goal for your Christian walk and destiny helps you to focus on thinking right thoughts.

**Strengthen your resolve by having a goal.**

Not having established a clear goal in your mind weakens your efforts of self-control in rejecting wrong choices.

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**Paul Truly Had His Goals Set**

As Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians from jail, he said in Chapter 2:10 (The Message) that whoever had thrown him in jail had not shut him up. They had only given him a new pulpit to preach from! That is an incredible way to think about something that would floor many, if not most, of today’s Christians. He had his eyes firmly fixed on his goal!

Paul saw everything from the point of what God’s plan and purpose for him was. Suppose you decided to start a jail ministry, but you were suddenly and wrongfully thrown into jail. Could you see that as an unusual opportunity to begin a jail ministry right down where the rubber meets the road? Paul is an excellent role model for the right way to think about everything in this life. To repeat one of my favorite sayings:

**Remember that you are a pilgrim passing through your time on the earth right now, but you are already and forever a citizen in His Kingdom. Live like you believe it!**

Paul believed it! His goal for living or dying was quite amazing. He did not worry about what he had not yet done in his life or what he still wanted to be able to see and miss if he was to suddenly die. Instead he said the following (Philippians 1:22-25, The Message) as he thought about what his life was like:

**As long as I’m alive in this body, there is good work for me to do. If I had to choose right now, I hardly know which I’d choose. Hard choice! The desire to break camp here and be with Christ is powerful. Some days I can think of nothing better. But most days, because of what you are going through, I am sure that it’s better for me to stick it out here.**

His thoughts about staying alive and finishing his work were focused on what would be better for those he would be influencing as long as he was with them. He decided they needed the message and the love he would share with them more than he needed to be with Christ in heaven.

That is right thinking to the max! Ask yourself if you could choose to live or die today, what factors and influences would most affect your thinking such choice?

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**Can Good Spiritual Goals Be Adjusted?**

What goals do you have for your Christian destiny? Not just a vague, “I want to do what God wants me to do and help others.” Okay, help others how? Do you want to lead a group of children in cleaning up the neighborhood, do you want to lead a prayer and witnessing team in the park, do you want to teach Bible stories at the local retirement home? What are you going to do to begin working on your goal?

When was the last time you asked God what He wanted you to do? Did you know that the answer to what His best plan for you is already within you? It isn’t waiting on a special delivery from Heaven. You need to do some tending of the spiritual Incorruptible Seed Jesus deposited.
inside of you—don’t just keep waiting for it to break through the soil of your heart on its own.

Has your goal been just to tie a knot in the rope you have been clinging to, desperately clinging to while you are hanging on until the Rapture? What excuses pop into your thinking for not having a clear cut goal for your destiny and for your relationship with God? Here’s an important goal for you: CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK!

Changing how you think is a key factor able to enhance the life you are currently living, not just the final goal of getting to Heaven.

**Having a good, godly goal makes it is easier for you to make right decisions every day. How? You line up every choice you face within the fixed limits of the goal you have set.**

In the natural realm, for instance, suppose your immediate goal is to fit into your old Navy uniform for a special honor ceremony at your church. This pre-set goal helps you focus on getting up and jogging in the morning. Being able to focus on that goal helps you with any fast-food temptation you might face.

What if you goal is to call (from a list you make) someone in a retirement home, in the hospital, or someone who lives alone? Take a picture of that person (or substitute a picture that would cause you to think of that person) and tape it on your bathroom mirror. Then tape it to your refrigerator each day after you have called that person.

If one of your immediate goals is to volunteer in orphanages in Mexico for the summer, that pre-set goal can help you focus on choosing whether or not you should sign up for that luxury cruise to Italy you thought it would be fun to take this year. Having a real goal helps you think right thoughts which helps you make right choices which helps you achieve your goal.

So what reasonable, actual, attainable spiritual goals have you pre-set in your mind? What if they are not in perfect sync with God’s plan for you? Will He just override your will? No, but He may present additional options for you to consider.

Suppose one of your pre-set goals is that you want to take a missionary trip, then you need to start thinking about learning some of the language, learning something about the culture, and how to set up a budget to help you finance your trip. God may want you to learn the native language, but that may be because He wants you to teach a cultural immersion class of that country.

Bind your will to God’s will and timing for your goal or goals, and then loose any worldly, soulish, or demonic distractions and soulish reactions that would cause you to think you can’t attain the goal. If God tells you this is not His goal for you in the time frame you were expecting, then He will help you understand that He has a better goal for you for right now.

He won’t jerk from your perceived goal into His role that He’s already determined for you. He will ease you into a better form of His best goal for you, using many things you may have learned from working towards the goal you thought you should pursue. God never wastes anything good!

God loves to help you and support and provide for you to attain good, godly goals that all line up with His ultimate will for your life. He may just not do it in your current understanding of His timing.

**Waiting Upon God Does Not Mean You Heard Him Wrong**
My ministry once received a very large donation from someone who said they had wanted to give a sizable donation to the ministry seven years earlier, but God had said not yet. So this person invested the money and waited on God’s further directives. This person had a goal that was submitted to God for His timing and His direction.

Seven years later God told this to sell the investment and release the sales funds to Liberty Savard Ministries. These funds had quadrupled by that time! God’s way is always the best way.

This person’s integrity and willingness to be in God’s will however long it took to bear fruit is remarkable! This person could have gone ahead and given us the donation seven years earlier. Or, because of the incredible growth of the funds, that person could have decided to hold back part of the funds and just bless us with the rest. However, because of integrity and obedience to God’s directives, when the goal of donating to the ministry was eventually achieved, it was achieved four times greater than that person originally intended!

Suppose you finally see a goal for your life that you are sure is from God. Then He says wait. So you pray and hope and wait. You should not just sit and do nothing. Bind yourself to God’s timing and His plan for your life and then get involved in helping someone or some worthy but needy group while you wait.

What If You Feel Really Disappointed And Discouraged?
If you do not know how to cope with the negative thoughts that can come from having to wait without any clear directive from God, the thoughts can get pretty loud sometimes. So what do you do with them? First of all, remember that you cannot effectively take authority or speak control over your thoughts!

You do not want to just try to control them. That takes wasted energy, effort, and time that will wear you out. You should focus on changing the way you think.

One, God will not control your negative thoughts and emotional reactions for you! Two, you cannot effectively control your negative thoughts and emotional reactions. Three, you need to loose, smash, and destroy them. Four, then you bind your will to God’s will, bind your mind to the mind of Christ, and bind your emotions to the Holy Spirit.

The Keys of the Kingdom binding and loosing prayers can help you dislodge wrong thoughts that arise in your mind, wrong thoughts that can keep your answer and His supernatural help from showing up.

Reading the Word of God will help you plant new patterns of thinking in the area you have just cleared out of your soul.

As you read the Word and pray the binding and loosing prayers, you will begin to learn new things about how to choose what to do and then choosing to do it! You don’t have to try to just locate the passages that pertain to what you are praying about. There is truth and wisdom in every chapter in the Bible. God can see that you realize each chapter read as to your important to your situation.

Catholic Retreat Center
There was a time when our ministry was in a severe financial struggle and we owed several hundred dollars to a big, beautiful Catholic Retreat Center for a retreat they had allowed us to hold there. I am ashamed to admit that I began to
rationalize that this massive, beautiful center
could afford to wait for the money more
than our ministry could afford to pay it at
that time.

My soul was very happy to rationalize
making such a decision—after all, we
would pay it someday. Filing that
decision away as a to-do-some-day
action, the binding and loosing prayers
that I was praying daily suddenly caused
a breakthrough (it was really a
smackdown, actually) in my soulish
rationalizations and justifications. As I
was reading the Bible randomly (or so I
thought), a certain verse got right up in
my face!

I read that I was to keep my word even
when it hurt me and cost me personally
to do so! Psalm 15:4 (The Message)
says: "Keep your word even when it
costs you."

I couldn’t drive to that retreat center fast
enough to ask their forgiveness, show them
that verse, and then write out a personal
check for the full amount. The lady there
was touched by my obedience to that
Scripture, and insisted upon forgiving our
debt to them. I was humbled and thankful—I
don’t know which one was more!

Have you heard others say something like this:
“Jerry said he would help you? He’ll be there.
You can trust whatever Jerry says he will do
because Jerry always keeps his word.”

Do people say the same thing about you?

I had given the people at the retreat center my
word that we would pay the balance of the retreat
costs as soon as the retreat was over. We went
into the hole on that retreat and there was no
money left over to use. This turned into using
other monies to pay other bills because the
retreat center never complained or called me on
what I had promised.

But the day came when that verse got up in my
face as I was praying the binding and loosing
prayers, and that caused me to examine and
change my thinking. I knew, but needed to renew
in my thinking, the fact that no one else should
have to wait for me to get around to fulfilling my
promises. The Word of God was speaking directly
to me saying that I had to keep my word, even
when it would hurt me personally to do it!

It is amazing how many people allow their souls
to distract them from identifying their wrong
thought patterns for so long that they don’t even
notice when their thoughts are heading down
really wrong roads.

Dear people, faithful in church and always ready
to pray and to give, can shout amen and agree
enthusiastically with everything the pastor is
saying. Then these same people can rationalize
criticizing other believers, even the pastor.

If this describes you and you have real friends
who care, they should lovingly point this out to
you. If you protest and insist that you are fine
and you can’t believe your friend just said that to
you, you are in trouble. If you insist you only
wish other believers or the pastor could see what
they were not doing right, then it is you who are in trouble.

If you say that you really weren’t aware you were doing that, so it wasn’t intentional and doesn’t count, you are in trouble.

If God has not fulfilled your goal of being a missionary (or whatever), perhaps He has to get your wrong thinking straightened out first.

If you have the goal of truly being who God wants you to be, you will be able to admit you may have a problem with your thought life. You will be able to admit you may have a problem with the words of your mouth. You may also be able to admit that you don’t always welcome correction even when it is made in love.

Admitting this is not easy for anyone, and without admitting to the first step of His goal changing your wrong thoughts, your soul can find dozens of ways to rationalize and justify those wrong words.

**Does God Expect You To Recognize All Your Faults At Once?**

God is not asking you to find all of your weaknesses and failings and correct them by yourself. God is asking you to be willing to be aware of your shortcomings (as He or one of His special agents point them out to you) and then want to do something about them. You cannot make yourself be kind or patient or gentle by commanding yourself to become these things, but His grace will work in you as you follow this pattern:

1. Pray with the Keys of the Kingdom to make room in your soul to receive God’s grace and His fruit.

2. Daily take some kind of truthful action on what He reveals to you

3. Practice (take action) whenever you get a chance whatever you learn from reading the Word and from what the Holy Spirit may say

4. Enjoy the fruit of the experience you gain through doing this and confess it to others

Speaking the Word to your soul feeds truth to it that has supernatural power to change you. If your wrong thoughts are deeply entrenched in your soul, other people, good preaching, Christian fellowship may all be good and inspiring – but the Word of God is the only thing that can root out these wrong thoughts.

Every word you practice (act upon) from His Word acted upon will bear fruit. Kind thought patterns and words will bear the fruit of kindness, blessing, joy, peace, and love. Evil or cruel thought patterns and words will bear the fruit of death, ruin, and calamity. The choice is yours. The help you need to make the right choice comes from Him—you can always find it in His Word.

**Let’s Pray**

*Blessed Father, I want to learn how to think right thoughts! I bind my will to your will, Lord, which means I am obligating myself to your ill. I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus; and I bind my emotions to your healing balance, comfort, and support, Holy Spirit. Help me to understand how to change what I can change and how to surrender to you that which you want me to give up.*

*Show me how to represent your authority in the ways that please you, not in ways that my soul thinks will benefit it. I loose, smash, crush, and destroy all of my unsurrendered soul’s rationalizations and justifications about the wrong thoughts that I admit go through my mind at times. Forgive me for those wrong thoughts; forgive me for doing anything that*
could feed those wrong thoughts. I want to think on things that Christ wants me to think about.

I want to do what the Apostle Paul told the Philippians to do:

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things” (Philippians 4:8, NIV).

Forgive me for failing to take my wrong thoughts captive. I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus, and I loose all of the wrong thought patterns in my soul that I have never challenged. No more, soul! No more! I will be on guard and ready to loose whatever negative or false thoughts try to form in my mind. I want to practice thinking, speaking, and acting in love. I want to bless others.

I know you have already made the choice to bless me, Father God, so I do not want to focus on what I think I need or want. I bind myself to your timing and I choose to learn how to be patient.

Help me to be a sweet fruit bearer. Help me remember that your Word will tell me what to do in every situation. Help me to always remember that you are with me even when you are working behind the scenes and I don’t know what you are doing. I love you and I want to love others as you want me to. Thank you, Amen.

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The message in your newsletter was very timely for me personally. I made a copy and will be going through it with my husband, Brad. We all need reminders of who we are in Christ. No matter what we see in the natural God is greater. Please keep our family in prayer. Love you much, Barbara

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PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

PRAYING FOR THE CHILDREN
The LSM International Intercessors, Phase 7, around the world are praying for children who are in situations of all forms of abuse, hunger, sickness, poverty, and child slavery. I pray that angels, authorities, and strong adults can give help to them at the time it is needed. Second Chronicles 7:14 tells us:

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (NKJV).

Some of our wicked ways surely are that we do not pray enough for those who need help so much, those who are not in a position to help themselves. This speaks of the power of our prayers for our nations and those in them if we will humble ourselves, stop following our own wills and our own agendas, and pray with all the focus and determination that we can for what is right.

Please join with me and others committed to praying for the children of the world who desperately need us to agree that God’s will shall be done in their lives and quickly.

Lord, I come to you with pain in my heart asking that you forgive me for not daily remembering and praying for those who cannot help themselves. I bind every child in the world to your will. I bind their minds to your mind, Jesus, and I bind their wounded and ragged emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Please speak words of strength, encouragement, and hope to them. Please send help to rescue them quickly. I loose the enemy’s influence from all adults who are using and abusing so many children in the world today. Please heal the abusers from whatever has driven them to such behaviors. People are not born knowing how to abuse; they learn from being abused themselves. Please break this evil cycle in their lives.

You have said that if we would humble ourselves, pray, seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then you would heal our land. Please show us what we need to do to work with You to see our lands and the children in them become safe and healed and filled with hope. Thank you, Father God. Amen

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.
James 4:17, NIV
Who and What is
LIBERTY SAVARD MINISTRIES?


This ministry believes the Scriptures are inspired of God, infallible, and fully authoritative for Christian faith and conduct. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on Earth, died on the cross in a substitutionary work of redemption for mankind, rose again and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Through Christ’s shed blood and renewal of the Holy Ghost, justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God with absolute hope of eternal life.

Liberty teaches Christians how to make their unsurrendered souls (old natures) surrender to the will and purposes of God. She also teaches Christians how to loose emotional baggage and toxic waste from their unsurrendered souls to create room within themselves to receive all God has promised to them for today. This allows believers to fulfill their destinies while walking in knowledge and power to bring glory and honor to God the Father! The message of binding and loosing and the unsurrendered soul teaches God’s people how to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) to impact things on earth so they come into alignment with God’s already established will in heaven. Liberty teaches Christians how to pray purely without “want lists” and the soulish instruction manuals Christians are so prone to creating for God (so He will know how best to answer their prayers!). Effective prayers always have pure motives, God’s will, never soulish purposes or motives. Binding and loosing Keys of the Kingdom can always expose hidden motives in a believer’s unsurrendered soul.
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