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Looking for Answers

Most of us at one time or another have had a relative or a friend that went to a doctor only to come home with a bad report. Cancer, heart disease, diabetes, etc. Diseases like these are strangling much of the world today. And while the Bible declares from cover-to-cover God's divine will and provision for healing to all that call upon Him, most of His people still suffer sickness and many end up dying prematurely from some disease.

Then there are those that have received a healing from the Lord yet they struggle with lack and in some cases poverty. And again, the Bible declares from cover-to-cover God's divine will and provision for material blessings, yet many are still financially strapped and bound.

Worst of all many believe that it is God's will for them to be sick or suffer lack. Or they try to rationalize that God is trying to teach them how to suffer in some dignified manner even though the scriptures proclaim a message of healing and prosperity for God's people.

So, if the Bible teaches us that it is God's will to heal and bless His people then why are so many of His people sick and/or suffering lack when God has promised health and financial blessings to them in the scriptures?

I had to ask God this question where my own life was concerned. I seemed to have strong faith in certain areas and yet I struggled when it came to other areas such as receiving healing. I had suffered with physical problems in my body and I needed a breakthrough but it always seemed to be a little further than I was able to reach. I needed to figure out where I was missing the mark.

Now I would like to share with you my own experience that brought about my need to ask God this question where my own life was concerned. My troubles started when I was eight years old, a car hit me while I was riding a bicycle. It was really my fault but nevertheless I was thrown from the bike and hit the curb headfirst. I broke my jaw on both sides and had my mouth wired shut for many months. I recovered and went on with life. But when I was seventeen, about a year after I had accepted Jesus, I began at times to experience strange smells in my nose and I found myself grabbing onto the arms of chairs that I sat in until

these strange sensations subsided. A couple of times I was told by friends that I had completely blacked out.

Within a couple of weeks my grandmother took me to see a doctor. In the process of time, I came to find that I had been diagnosed with partial complex epileptic seizures.

This really turned my life upside down. My heart sunk as the doctor told me that for the rest of my life, I would have to take medication to prevent seizures. One day I was a healthy person, the next day I was ball and chained to an endless prescription.

Initially, I was given a medicine called Dilantin and within six months I began having side effects from this medicine. The main side effect that I experienced was called Dilantin Hyperplasia. This is a condition that caused my gums to become swollen and tender. For example, if I ate anything with citric acid I would feel a very uncomfortable burning sensation in my mouth around my gums.

However, one day I went to a small Bible study with my grandparents and about six other people. We had just finished eating lunch and I had topped

my lunch off with some ambrosia fruit salad that someone had brought. While I was sitting there my mouth started burning from the citrus fruit in the salad but nobody at the Bible study knew I was in pain. Then all of a sudden, the leader of the Bible study grabbed her mouth and said: “Somebody here is experiencing pain in his or her mouth and the Lord wants to heal you.” I was stunned! I spoke up and told the leader that I was the one experiencing the pain. Then everyone stretched their hands toward me and prayed, that day my mouth was instantly and completely healed. This was the first time I had ever experienced a healing touch from God. But the story doesn’t end there, about eight years later the problem started to come back again.

Even though I was very grateful to be healed from the pain that I had been experiencing in my mouth, I often pondered why God had only healed my mouth that day. I found myself wondering, why God did not heal the underlying root of my problem, which was the epilepsy. After all it was the epilepsy that required the medication that caused the pain in the first place.

I figured it had to be just as easy for God to heal epileptic seizures as it would be for Him to heal a

side effect caused by a medication. But many years later I realized that there was only one reason God did not completely heal me that day. Simply put, God wanted me to receive my healing by faith. He wanted me to learn to walk by faith for myself instead of simply handing me a miraculous healing on a platter. In other words, God wanted me to grow up and learn how to walk by faith instead of doing it for me through miraculous intervention.

I have found that at times the Lord will intervene and do special things on behalf of young believers in Christ that he will not do for more mature believers. When we were children, our parents carried us in their arms but as we matured, they expected us to learn to walk for ourselves. Likewise, God wants all of His children to learn how to walk by faith. God does not want us to put out a fleece or go searching for miracles; instead, God wants us to receive His provision by faith in His Word alone.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no <u>pleasure</u> in him."

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to <u>please</u> Him, for he who comes to God must

believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Ultimately, I ended up taking the prescribed Dilantin for about eight years before the side effects returned and became overwhelming. I then went to a different doctor who prescribed another medicine called Tegretol, which I took for another eleven years until the side effects from this medicine also became intolerable. The Tegretol caused stomach problems, excessive tiredness, and because my stomach was always upset, I was popping antacids like candy which later began to aggravate my kidneys. In short, I was falling apart – and fast.

After nearly twenty years of taking medicine and suffering a variety of side effects. I had finally had enough! I wanted, no actually, I needed a breakthrough. I had been a Christian for nearly twenty years and during all that time I had gone to three different Bible schools. I had listened to thousands of sermons, many on the subject of divine healing. Yet my heath still seemed out of control, like a car on a steep hill with no breaks.

I simply needed a breakthrough and I wanted to get the results that God’s Word promised that I

could have. Even though I had been taught God's Word concerning the promises of healing and faith for many years, I still never seemed to get a complete breakthrough. I had lots of ministers pray for me over the years but to no avail. I did not know where I was missing it but I was determined to get an answer. I knew that God's Word was true and I knew that He was no respecter of persons. The scriptures are full of accounts of people that were healed by God and I knew if God had healed them, He was obligated by His Word to heal me. So, I knew the problem was not on God's end I knew I was missing something but I did not know what it was.

Finally, I went to God in prayer to find out where I was missing it. While praying I asked God why I had not received a breakthrough in this area of my life. I also asked God why most Christians as a whole were not experiencing more breakthroughs in their lives. I did not get an answer that day but a few days later I awoke in the morning and to my surprise I had dreamed a dream from the Lord and received the answer I needed.

The dream was very strange in that I fell asleep while I was dreaming and then I dreamed a dream within the dream. This puzzled me until one day I

heard my pastor teach about Joseph and His interpretation of the Pharaoh's dream.

Genesis 41:32 "And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

After hearing my pastor, I realized that I had the dream within a dream because God wanted me to know that He was about to established the message He gave me.

Now I am not going to go into all the details of the dream but I will say that I heard God speak to me in the dream and what he said surprised me. He said, "I want you to write three books and you shall name the books: 'Don't Panic,' 'Don't Give Up,' and 'Don't Listen to the Devils Lies.'" Then I awoke and told my wife that I had a dream from the Lord. Up to this point in my life I had never before had a dream from the Lord. But I also realized that this dream and its message was an answer to the prayer I had prayed only a few days earlier.

So, when I had prayed and asked God why Christians, including myself, were not in many cases receiving their promised breakthroughs.

God’s answer to me was. Write three books and call them: ‘Don’t Panic,’ ‘Don’t Give Up,’ and ‘Don’t Listen to the Devils Lies.’ The book you are reading is one of these three books that God had instructed me to write. And I believe that the messages contained in these books are God’s divine answer to receiving a breakthrough in any area of your life. I also recommend that you read all three books if you need a breakthrough along with my book “Faith that Honors God”. And if you need a financial breakthrough, I recommend reading my book “Honor the key to Prosperity”.

By the way as I spent my time writing these books and followed the remedy that God gave me. As a result, I am now completely healed and symptom and side effect free. I have also put these same principals to work on my financial matters and I can say with confidence that I am walking in great abundance and favor wherever I go. And just as God’s remedy has worked for me it can also work for you!

Prepare For The Journey

If you have not already figured it out being a successful Christian in this life is not for the weak at heart. Unknown to many, God never promised that the Christian life would be a walk in the park although many of us may have been given that impression by other people. The Christian walk is actually a journey of the soul that will take the rest of our lives and will ultimately bring us to new experiences with God.

In my opinion, the Christian walk is really more like a Christian hike than a walk. There are a lot of places that a person can go on a hike but when I think about hiking, I tend to think about the mountains and trees.

I have visited Yosemite National Park many times and every time I go there, I always like to hike up to the waterfalls. For those of you that do not know, Yosemite National Park is in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California.

The Sierra Nevada Mountains are very steep and most of the hiking trails in this neck of the woods will easily test what you are made of physically.

Most of the hikes I have been on were just day hikes out of Yosemite Valley. One of the longer hikes I have been on with my wife took us about 7 hours round trip with about a 2,500-foot elevation gain to the top of Nevada Falls on the Merced River. This is by no means a long hike in Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada but for my wife and I it was enough, considering that we were there to enjoy a relaxing vacation.

I remember the day we hiked up the trail to the top of Nevada Falls. Occasionally we would see a sign telling us how many miles to the top. We went back and forth on the trail under the canopy of the pine trees. The switch back trail crisscrossed the mountain face for hours. After a couple of hours hiking up the side of a steep mountain you start to wonder how many more switch backs before we reach the top. Once in a while there would be hikers coming down the mountain like angles sent from God with a message saying “just a bit further to the top.” As we continued our water was getting low and our legs began to feel like rubber.

We continued up the trail looking around the next corner hoping to finally arrive at the top. Ultimately, we did make it to the top after about three hours and “yes” my legs were glad. It would

have been easy to turn around before we made it to the top but then again, we would not have the satisfaction of having made it to the top.

Now most of us have at one time or another gone on a long hike, a long bike ride or maybe even ran a 5k, 10k or a marathon. But most of us probably did not do it without a little planning and mental preparation first. In most cases we had to get a little mentally psyched up. We may have even trained or worked out at the gym before committing to the eventual journey. Almost no one would set out to do any activity like these without counting the cost and doing the appropriate planning and preparation first.

But in contrast to our Christian walk how many of us have prepared ourselves for the spiritual journey of faith that lies before us. Many Christians seem to hope that the blessings of heaven will simply fall on them, in the same way that many hope to win the lottery. But faith is not a divine gamble with the odds stacked against you. On the contrary, faith in any promise made by God is a sure thing for all those who will believe.

We all realize that no one would ever hike up the side of a mountain by accident. Think about it,

hiking up the side of any mountain will require a lot of effort, energy, focus and determination. It would require planning a route and taking the necessary provision to ensure making it to the top. And in the same way no Christian should expect to receive the promises of God by accident. All the promises of God must be received by faith as an act of our will. In other words, we have to make provision for the vision if we intend to see it realized.

We need to plan ahead knowing like Abraham that what God has promised he will deliver. And like a hiker if you give up before you make it to the top you forfeit the eventual reward and satisfaction that can only be realized by making it to the top.

Walking by faith and receiving the promises of God has an eventual reward and satisfaction but it will take a certain amount of spiritual effort, energy and determination to see the journey realized. There are many examples of people in the Bible that realized their journey of faith and we can too. In fact, take a look at Abraham and the scriptures testimony about his faith.

Romans 4:17-21
17 (as it is written, "I have made you [Abraham] a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed-- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;
18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."
19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.
20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,
21 and <u>being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform</u>.

Like Abraham many of us have hopes, desires, dreams, visions and promises from God that we would like to see come to pass. Some of us have a desire and hope to be healed and others have dream or a vision to have a business of their own. But no matter what we may hope for God has a promise that will cover our situation.

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask <u>when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them</u>.

Our hope is the only thing that keeps us in the race. Hope is the dream, desire and the goal setter and with it we can run our course to the end of the race knowing that there is a finish line and a promise waiting there like a prize to be received. But hope alone will not bring us into the promise land.

Hebrews 11:1 Now <u>faith is the substance of things hoped for</u>, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith can take hope and turn it into reality. Faith believes the dream enough to plan and prepare and make provision for the journey. Faith coupled with determination and patience will take us to the top of the mountain and gives us the ability to see our dreams realized. But hope needs faith to give it legs to stand on and faith needs hope to point the way.

Hebrews 6:12-15
12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who <u>through faith and patience inherit the promises</u>.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,
14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
15 And so, <u>after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise</u>.

Patience does not mean it will take forever to receive a promise from God. But patience and endurance coupled with determination will keep us in the race until we get to the finish line. After we have prayed and said amen, we need patience to help us stand until the promise fully manifests. After you say “amen,” patience is what you need until you can say “there it is!”

I know there are times that I have asked God for things and they seemed like they were delivered by Priority Mail overnight. There are also times that I have seen things take a week, a month, a year and some things that I have been standing on faith for nearly forty years.

I remember one time my wife and I had been out looking for a portable dishwasher for our apartment. We needed one that hooked up to the sink and one that could be rolled around the

kitchen. We went out to a few stores one afternoon and picked out a model and color. We priced the dishwasher at about $500.00 plus tax. At the time we did not have the money but we prayed and asked God for a dishwasher. Less than one week later my wife and I were walking out to the car on our way to church. As we went through our apartment complex to the lower garage, we passed by what we call “the giveaway section” we noticed a dishwasher sitting there with a scribbled note taped on it that looked like it said “does not work.” I figured that it needed repair and my wife and I rolled it over to our garage and left it there as we were on our way out the door to go to church.

Later when we returned home, we stopped and took a closer look at the dishwasher and to our amazement it was just like the one we had picked out at the store. I took the note off the front and looked at it carefully. The note actually said “Dishwasher Does Work” we both looked at each other in amazement.

We had lived in this apartment building for nearly eight years and we never saw a dishwasher in the giveaway area before. The dishwasher was missing the silverware basket and I needed an attachment for the sink faucet. I got on the Internet looked up

the model and had the parts in 3 days. We plugged it in and it worked great. All totaled I spent about $40.00 on the dishwasher, which would have cost us about $500.00 plus tax.

Now not all of my prayers have been answered that quickly but they have all been realized every time I have followed Gods directions, guidelines and allowed patience to have its perfect work.

We must all realize that when it comes to receiving anything from God by faith it will be a journey. And that journey starts by finding a promise in the Word of God that will cover our need or request. Then when we ask in faith believing that we receive what we ask for when we pray. After that we simply need endurance and patience coupled with thanksgiving until the request is delivered. Only remember that God has setup these guidelines to receiving from Him and as long as we follow His directions and avoid any stumbling blocks that could cause us to abort our faith then we will eventually complete the journey and realize the promise.

Common Stumbling Blocks

There are many stumbling blocks that the devil will skillfully place in our path in an attempt to get us to abort our faith in God's Word. Therefore, we need to be watchful and aware of some of the more common stumbling blocks so that we can avoid them altogether and keep ourselves from falling short of receiving all that God has for us.

Although there are many stumbling blocks that can keep us from receiving a breakthrough, I personally think the most common one is being double-minded. I believe the reason this is the most common is due to the fact that it stems from a lack of faith in the faithfulness of God and His Word.

Many start out well, believing a promise but because their faith is weak and anemic, not being well grounded in what they believe, they easily stumble. When the pressure from a trial, persecution or the cares of the world come against them for the Word's sake they begin to doubt their faith in God's Word. As a result, they cast away their confidence and their faith stand on the Word

of God, drawing back and turning away from the truth and their breakthrough.

Hebrews 10:35-38
35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.
36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:
37 "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

Don’t ever give up on a promise from God if you will stand on that promise, you will ultimately realize it. If you start to get discouraged go back to God’s Word again and renew your strength and mind. If you need wisdom ask for it but make up your mind to believe the report of the Lord and cast out and do not receive any thought or report to the contrary.

James 1:5-8
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Making a quality decision is an essential and required if we intend to make it to the top. Come hell or high water, don't give up. After all the devil is determined to bring some of that hell our way and he will do all he can to see us fall short of receiving the promises of God. We need to make a non-compromising decision and be determined to see it through. So, from the time we ask and believe until we see the full manifestation of our faith, we must be more determined than the devil or any other opposition that may come against us while climbing our mountain of faith.

So, remember, if we intend to reach the summit and see our desires fulfilled then we need to be single-minded particularly where believing God's Word is concerned. We cannot set out one day in faith believing God's Word and then when the winds of adversity begin to blow cast away our faith wondering or doubting the integrity of God's

promises. We must realize that our circumstances will never change Gods mind or His promises. When God gives us a promise, we have to know that we can take it to the bank regardless of any current or future circumstances that arise in opposition to our faith. If our faith ever fails to produce results then we know that we missed the mark somewhere because simple faith in God's Word will never fail.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change...

Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

The next stumbling block we will discuss is somewhat related to the first one and it has to do with our focus. Not only do we need to be determined but also, we need to stay focused on our destination. Where we put our focus will determine our destiny. We may start out in one direction but if we are not careful, we may find

ourselves off course. Like a compass our focus will keep our mind on course. So, recognize the fact that there are many things every day that are constantly competing for our attention but we must make sure that nothing draws us away from where we want to end up.

Know for a certainty that the devil will work overtime to get you to shift your focus off of God's Word and onto your circumstances. Look at what happened to Peter's faith when he shifted his focus away from Jesus.

Matthew 14:25-31
25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter lost his focus, he started out walking on the water going to Jesus but then he took his eyes off Jesus and started looking at the wind and the waves, as a result, he began to sink. The same thing will happen to our faith if we focus on our circumstances instead of God's Word.

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen [our circumstances], but at the things which are not seen [God's Promises]: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The children of Israel also learned the importance of being focused when they faced fiery serpents that invaded their camp because they had murmured against God and Moses. We can find the story in Numbers chapter 21.

Numbers 21:4-9

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."

6 So the LORD <u>sent</u> [<u>allowed and permitted</u>] fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."

9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

In this story we see that God told Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole and if a snake were to bite anyone all they had to do was look at the bronze snake on the pole and they would live. However, the original Hebrew text actually implies much more than a quick or casual glance.

In the Hebrew text of Numbers 21:9 it actually conveys the idea of an “attentive, expectant, steady and absorbing gaze” not just a quick glance. If we want to walk in the salvation and promises provided by God’s Word then we must have an attentive, expectant, steady and absorbing gaze on the Word. Most of us start out well but we need to make sure that we end well by keeping our focus on God’s Word. So, glance at your problems and circumstances but keep a steady and fixed gaze on the God’s Word.

Stumbling block number three has to do with the love walk. The scriptures teach us that faith works by love (Galatians 5:6) but many try to work their faith without love. If we walk in unforgiveness, pride, selfishness, strife or any of the other works of the flesh it will negatively impact and weaken our faith, and our relationship with God and other people can suffer. Our prayer life will also suffer.

We must have a strong faith and confidence in God in order to see His promises manifested in our lives and that requires us to be vigilant were our love walk is concerned.

1 Timothy 6:11-12
11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

There is also another way that love undergirds our faith and that has to do with understanding and receiving God's love. Knowing that God loves us will strengthen our faith particularly when things may not be going the way we want as fast as we want. All of God's promises are based on His love for us and knowing that God is on our side will help us make it to the top particularly when the journey may get difficult or prolonged.

Psalms 36:5-7
5 Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the great mountains; your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.
7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

As we put our trust in God's love and kindness for us, we will find a reservoir of strength that will carry us through hard times while we wait for God's promises to manifest.

Another stumbling block that can keep us from seeing our dreams realized is sin. Sin in our lives can affect our relationship with God. Having strong faith and confidence requires a close walk with God. That does not mean that we will never miss the mark but it does mean we need to realize all our sins have been forgiven at the cross and as a result we are now the right with God in Christ.

Romans 8:1 ***There is*** **therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. KJV**

We must learn how to lean on God for strength in the areas where we are weak. God is not looking for a perfect performance but He is looking for

perfect hearts that believe, trust and rely upon Him.

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

Remember that any sin in our lives will also open the door for the devil and once inside he will attack our confidence and faith in God's Word. The strength of the confidence we have in God has everything to do with maintaining a healthy relationship with God. If our confidence is weakened by sin, we may not have enough strength to make it to the top. Always remember that because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, God can justly forgive the believer in Christ of all sin, past, present and even future sins.

Hebrews 10:12-14
12 But this man (Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;
13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified (set apart). KJV

Nevertheless, sin is to be shunned. Because sin in is like fire, and has the potential to do much destruction in our lives, even if we are born again.

Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

The last two stumbling blocks we are going to examine are very closely related and they have to do with our mind and our mouth. Walking by faith will require a renewing of our mind and a renewing of our mouth. When we come to Christ, we usually bring quite a bit of baggage with us and most all of this excess baggage is located in our mind.

All of us have come down different roads and all of us have had different experiences in life. And many of the things that we learned walking down the road of life in this world must now be unlearned in the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God does not operate like any kingdom found in this world. Therefore, we have to renew our minds to Gods way of doing things so that we can successfully live and operate in His kingdom. Renewing the mind is no small undertaking and it will require time spent meditating in God’s Word every day. The process

of renewing our mind will come about little by little over time. How long it takes has everything to do with how much time we spend with God and His Word.

Renewing our mouth is directly related to renewing our mind and has to do with learning how to speak the language of the kingdom. Now I am not really talking about corrupt communication in the sense of swearing or cursing although that is included. What I am talking about has to do with imitating God as His dear children and representing the Kingdom as ambassadors. In other words, we need to learn to speak like God speaks and say what God says.

The Bible is full of God's thoughts and His wisdom but we have to spend time getting to know what it says about us and our circumstances so that we can appropriate, possess and proclaim the promises for our lives. If we will learn to speak like God speaks and say what God says we will find ourselves getting the same results He does. Putting God's Word in your mouth is using the God kind of Faith.

Now one thing God does not do is talk about His problems, instead He speaks to them and they

obey. Likewise, if we want to see our circumstances change then we are going to have to apply God's Word to our circumstances and speak to them until they change.

If you are sick in your body do not go around telling everyone how bad you feel. Instead speak to your body and tell it that it is healed and whole and then proclaim God's Word concerning healing over your body. Then speak as an act of faith that you were healed, as a result you will mend and get better every day. And don't forget to continually thank God for your healing even if it has not yet fully manifested. Realize that you can thank Him by faith.

Similarly, if you need a financial breakthrough do not go around telling everyone about your problems or that you are broke. Instead speak directly to your circumstances and tell them to change and line up with God's Word. Then proclaim God's Word concerning financial blessings over your circumstances. However, keep in mind, particularly in the case of finances to make sure you are also tithing and giving otherwise nothing you proclaim will help because you will be tying up God's helping hands. Honor God first and He will honor you.

Now we have seen that stumbling blocks can come in a verity of forms and ways but any one of them can stop our faith in its tracks. But if we will stay determined and focused on God’s Word, if we walk in love and we give no place to the devil. If we will renew our mind and keep a watch over our mouth, we will avoid many stumbling blocks and we will be well on our way to making it to the top and receiving the promises God has made to us.

Don’t Give Up

Now it is quite obvious that if you need a healing today waiting twenty years might be too late. But the good thing is that God is never late. He may not arrive with our answer as fast as we would like but we must know that he is never late. Not always but sometimes God will wait until the twelfth hour to move so that there is no mistake as to who gets the glory.

I know when it came to my own healing from epilepsy, I spent six months preparing my heart and standing in faith before I started to see the healing manifest. Then it took six more months while I gradually decreased the daily dosage of the medication I was taking, until I was completely off the medication. I reduced the medication in stages as symptoms decreased then I waited until I stabilized at that level before I went to the next level. I wanted to use godly wisdom and while I was reducing my daily dosage, I had my wife do all the driving.

I did not drive a vehicle during this time because it was not safe or wise for me to drive. Years earlier I had experienced complications with changes in my

medication and dosages that actually caused me to crash two vehicles on different occasions. Thankfully no one was hurt including myself.

In fact, when I first started believing God for complete restoration, I actually got worse before I got better. But I knew Gods Word was true and the symptoms were lies that had to submit to His Word so having done all to stand I stood firm on God's Word and I choose not be moved by any pain or symptoms I was having.

Today I am completely healed of epilepsy with no side effects at all and I no longer take any medicine. To God be all the glory, great things He has done!

So, if you intend to walk out a healing or you are believing God for some sort of breakthrough then make up your mind before you start that you are not going to give up until you make it to the top. I can guarantee you that the devil will come to see if you mean business. The devil will always try to tell you why you can't make it or he will try to get you into fear so that you will abort your faith, or he will try to get you to focus on your symptoms or circumstances.

The devil will always use lies to try to get you into fear and off your faith. The devil wants you to believe and have faith in what he is saying rather than in what God has said. Or he will try to get you to focus on your symptoms or circumstances rather than on God’s Word. In the end, the devil simply wants you to believe and confess anything but God’s Word because he knows that God’s Word will deliver you.

I know that while was walking out my healing at times, I was experiencing pain and side effects and immediately the devil would try to convince me that I did not receive my healing and that I was actually getting worse. The devil bombarded my mind with all kinds of negative and fearful thoughts but I choose to cast them all down and set my focus on the Word of God instead. Because I knew what Gods Word said about my circumstances, therefore, I refused to allow or entertain any thought that came to my mind that was contrary to God’s Word. I stayed focused on the truth.

While you are hiking up your mountain if you get tired stop and rest. Likewise, if you are hiking up a healing mountain and symptoms persist or get worse take more of Gods medicine and speak

God’s Word directly to the symptoms and tell any symptoms or circumstances that they have no authority or right to stay. And if necessary, take some additional medication or see a doctor until the symptoms subside. Also realize that taking medicine or seeing a doctor is not a sign of a lack of faith, rather it is wisdom. Lack of faith only occurs when you turn away from God’s Word.

Keep in mind that I am not a doctor nor am I advocating doing anything foolish like stopping your medication. If you choose to stop taking a medicine or reduce a current dosage, I recommend that you first talk it over with your doctor and if your doctor has no faith, find one that does believe in God’s Word and God’s healing power. Then use wisdom. If you decrease a dosage and the symptoms have not left increase your dosage and take more of God’s medicine. Ultimately, all sickness and disease will bow to the Word.

So don’t give up on your dreams and goals that are based on God’s promises. Say what God says about your situation and call the thing that is not as though it were. If you will stay with your faith and keep it grounded on the Word of God you will come out with a glorious victory.

Would you like to know Jesus?

Read this page carefully, then pray.

Romans 10:9-11
9 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (NKJ)

Understand that salvation is not just reciting a prayer but salvation is opening your heart to Jesus and making Him Lord of your life.

Now pray: Jesus forgive me for my sins. I turn from my sins and I receive you, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. I ask you to come into my heart and take control of my life. I believe you took my place and died for me on the cross and I believe that God raised you from the dead. I thank you for saving me and revealing yourself to me in a personal and intimate way. In Jesus name, amen.

Now do yourself a favor by contacting this ministry. We want to help you get started in the right direction.

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