

HOW TO TURN SPIRITUAL PRAYERS INTO BELIEVING PRAYERS

1. Listen Closely To What The Father Is Saying About The Situation.

- John 12:50, NIV – “So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

2. State Very Clearly What You Are Believing For.

- James 4:2, NIV – “... You do not have, because you do not ask God.”

3. Be Single Minded

- James 1:5-8, NIV – (5) *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (6) But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. (7) That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; (8) he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.*

4. Picture The Outcome You Are Believing For.

- Habakkuk 2:1, NIV – “... I will look to see what he will say to me ...”

5. Audibly Declare Your Belief In The Authority Of God’s Word.

- John 11:41, NIV – (41) *So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.”*

6. Labour Daily Until The Prayer Is Answered

- Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves ... to prayer.*

7. Be Patient

- James 1:4, NIV – (4) Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
- Hebrews 6:12, NIV – (12) *We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.*

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WINNING THE BATTLE FOR YOUR MIND

Part 6 –Believing Faith

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DOING THE ONE THING THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Believing is necessary during prayer, AND after prayer.

BELIEVING FAITH RELEASES GOD’S POWER

1. According To Your Faith

- Matthew 9:27-30, NIV – (27) *As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” (28) When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord”, they replied. (29) Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith will it be done to you”; (30) and their sight was restored.*

- Believing faith is totally essential, if we would receive a power response from God.

2. If You Believe You Will Receive

- Matthew 21:21-22, NIV – (21) *Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea’, and it will be done. (22) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”*

3. Don’t Be Afraid – Just Believe

- Mark 5:35-36, NIV – (35) *While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead”, they said. “Why bother the teacher any more?” (36) Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”*

- Jesus was not influenced by what His physical eyes saw, or His physical ears heard

- What Jesus requires from anyone who would receive anything from Him, is that they take this position of believing

4. Everything Is Possible For Him Who Believes

- Mark 9:21-23, NIV – (21) Jesus asked the [demonized] boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. (22) “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” (23) “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.”
- One of the problems with the church today, is that it is filled with unbelieving believers!
- Believing in within our capacity, God has given each one of us the measure of faith, but will we believe?
- Mark 9:24, NIV – (24) Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”
- To see the power of God flow doesn’t take GREAT believing, it just takes a heart that is WILLING to believe, and fight against the doubt until the believing comes.

5. Believe That You Have Received

- Mark 11:22-24, NIV – (22) “Have faith in God”, Jesus answered. (23) “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea’, and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. (24) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”
- This is the most critical element of our prayer life. -- to believe that we have received what we ask for.
- First stage: pray; second stage: believe

6. Unbelief Limits Our Christian Walk

- Luke 1:13, 18-20, NIV – (13) But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.” ... (18) Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” (19) The angel answered, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. (20) And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because

you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.

- Many of us have lost the power that we could have had, to do the things that we are called to do, simply because we’re not believing

7. Belief Releases God’s Glory

- John 11:38-40, NIV – (38) Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. (39) “Take away the stone”, he said. “But, Lord”, said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” (40) Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

8. Believing Releases Great Power

- Ephesians 1:17-19, NIV – (17) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (18) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (19) and his incomparably great power for us who believe.
- There is a power in God that is only available for those who believe.

9. Believing Is Being Certain

- Hebrews 11:1, NIV – “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

SPREAD YOUR BELIEVING INTO EVERY AREA OF YOUR FAITH

- Mark 11:24, NIV – “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”
- Psalm 103:2-3, NIV – (2) Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – (3) who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.
- Ask God to give you the ability to believe both phrases to be equally true
- Put your absolute confidence in one area, and apply that same degree of confidence to another area of your faith