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Most of us have the idea that if God wills something to happen, it just happens instantly—that there is no such thing as time or distance or resistance to what God wills. But is that what the Bible reveals?

God's Word is His will. So when we ask anything according to a promise in His Word, we can rest assured He has heard us and that we have what we've asked for. But there are some qualifications for asking and receiving. As James 4:3 says,

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

The Lord loves us so much that He won't give us things that are bad for us. And Mark 11:24 says,

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

We have to *believe* we receive what we ask for when we pray, and then we shall have it. This means we must have faith when we pray—not when we see results—in order to receive.

Maybe you're thinking, I believe what God's Word says, but I also can't deny what I see and feel. How can these things be reconciled? There is a simple way to reconcile what God's Word says with what we see and feel. And for me, the key is found in the book of Daniel.

Daniel was a powerful man of God who served the Lord while the Jews were in captivity to the Babylonians, Medes, and Persians. Through prayer, he interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan. 2) and the handwriting on the wall (Dan. 5), and he was delivered from the lion's den (Dan. 6). Daniel was no novice, yet he didn't get the same results every time he prayed and asked things of the Lord.

In Daniel 9, for instance, Daniel had only prayed for a few minutes—and was still in the middle of his prayer—when the angel Gabriel came with God's answer.

Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Daniel 9:21–23

That's awesome! I'm sure we'd all love it if God interrupted all our prayers to give us the answer.

But in Daniel 10:1–11, we see Daniel praying another prayer with very different results. In this instance, Daniel prayed and fasted, and it took three weeks to receive an answer. Why did it take only a few minutes in Daniel 9 but three weeks in Daniel 10?

The answer is that there is a lot happening in the unseen spiritual realm that we can't perceive with our physical senses.

It didn't take the Lord three minutes to answer Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9 and three weeks to answer his prayer in Daniel 10. **The Lord answered both prayers instantly.** Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Daniel 10:12

These scriptures in Daniel 9 and 10 reveal that the Lord answered *both* of Daniel's prayers from the beginning, although the period of time it took for Daniel to receive the answers varied greatly.

Even Jesus experienced this. Jesus healed ten lepers in Luke 17:12–19, but healing didn't manifest instantly. It happened *as they went* to show themselves to the priest for their cleansing. Mark 11:24 says that we must believe we receive when we pray, and then we shall have it. That implies time. I don't think it has to take a long time, but it often does take some time.

Scripture reveals that the Lord wasn't the variable in either of the answers to Daniel's prayers. He was the same (Heb. 13:8). But there was a demonic power that opposed the messenger bringing Daniel his answer. Look at what Daniel 10:13 says:

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

This "prince of the kingdom of Persia" is describing a demonic power that operates in the unseen spiritual realm.

Ephesians 6:12 says,

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Satan can hinder the manifestation of our answered prayers like he did with Daniel. If we don't understand that and continue with the false idea that once the Lord commands an answer, it just happens instantly, then our faith will falter when we don't see immediate results. What if Daniel had given up on the twentieth day? What if he thought, I got an answer in three minutes last time. This time it's nearly three weeks. God must not have answered my prayer. If Daniel had done that, I believe he wouldn't have seen God's answer—even though it was already on the way.

Once again, Jesus said in Matthew 21:21 that we have to believe and doubt not. Paul also said something similar in Galatians 6:9:

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

The "if we faint not" is crucial to this promise. If Daniel had wavered in his faith, he would not have received anything of the Lord (James 1:6–7), but that wouldn't have been because the Lord didn't move. It would have been because Daniel gave up on his prayer. Sadly, that's what happens to us many times. We need to remember that the Lord is always faithful to His Word and commands the answer to our prayers, but they can be hindered and take time to manifest. The answer is on the way; but if it's hindered, we need to remember the Lord's faithfulness and be patient for the manifestation.

I'm out of space here, but I have a new 44-page booklet that I think would be a great blessing to you if you'd like to learn more about this topic. You can order it by going to **awmi.net/BetterWay**, calling our Helpline at **719-635-1111**, or simply filling out and returning the enclosed form.

We love you,

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Booklet

Are you feeling discouraged with your prayers? Andrew's new 44page booklet, *What to Do When Your Prayers Seem Unanswered*, will give you the tools to gain a deeper understanding of the forces that influence prayer. It will help you stay strong in faith, even when it seems like nothing is happening. Don't give up! Equip yourself with the knowledge you need to unlock the answers to your prayers.

Living on the High Side of Victory



Wendell Parr, Ministry Ambassador

With fifty years in ministry as a pastor and teacher, Wendell teaches some of the most fundamental truths of Christianity. As a senior instructor at Charis Bible College, students receive a wealth of wisdom through his Holy Spirit, Old Testament Survey, and New **Testament Survey** classes.

Have you ever been in a situation where it seemed like the harder you tried the worse things got? Well, you're not alone. If you have decided to live by faith, there are going to be times when it seems like everything is going wrong.

You will face challenges, but I've got three points to help you reach the high side of victory!

The first point is that God is not testing you.

Jesus told us in John 10:10 that the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He will use anything he can to get you to throw in the towel and quit because he knows that's the only way he can defeat a Christian. The devil wants you to doubt God and His Word. Stand firm and believe God.

The second point is that Jesus warned us of tribulation ahead of time. In John 16:33, Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

In this world you *will* have tribulation. That means affliction, distress, pressure, and burdens. This doesn't necessarily mean you've missed God. There are times in Scripture when God's people are in the center of His will, but it seems like everything is going in the opposite direction.

This leads me to my third point. Be of good cheer!

Jesus said, when tribulation comes, be of good cheer. That's not what we want to hear in times of trouble. But Jesus said this more than once. Why? Because He has overcome the world! When Jesus healed the man with palsy in Matthew 9, He told him to be of good cheer because his sins were forgiven. When the disciples were in the storm and Jesus came walking on the water, He said, "Be of good cheer; it is I" (Matt. 14:27 and Mark 6:50).

If you don't have anything else to be cheerful about, you can be of good cheer that Jesus has overcome the world, your sins are forgiven, and He will never leave you nor forsake you in your storm!

In Acts 27, Paul was a prisoner on a ship in the middle of a storm at sea, and it seemed like things couldn't get any worse. Everyone had lost hope of being rescued—except Paul, who encouraged the men to **be of good cheer**; he even said it twice! Why? Because he had sought the Lord, and the Lord said, *"Fear not"* (Acts 27:22– 25). In a time like that, Paul chose to trust in God and put this into practice. As a result, they all lived to tell the story.

If things are getting worse in your life, hold on. Be of good cheer! Stand on the promises of God, and you'll be on the high side of victory!





Do you ever feel like your problems seem to multiply? Tim Abello was an ordinary Christian living in Oklahoma with his family—worrying about health and finances every day—and just feeling stuck.

But a weekend shopping trip changed all that.

In a small Oklahoma bookstore, Tim stumbled across Andrew Wommack's book You've Already Got It. As he read the back cover, he was amazed at how accurately it described his life. Feeling defeated and wanting more from the Christian life, he quickly realized the biblical truths in this book were the key to his transformation.

To his delight, Tim learned that Christ had already provided for all his needs at Calvary. The work was finished! **He just needed to come into agreement with God.** One scripture really spoke to his heart:

> For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things

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which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:23

When Tim commanded his chronic migraines to flee in the name of Jesus, they left! But his healing was just the beginning of what his faith in Christ's blood would bring.

Tim, his wife, and five kids took another step closer to receiving more of God's blessings when he felt called to Charis Bible College. The night before their big move to Colorado, Tim still had no idea where they would live. After touring some rental houses, Tim lacked peace. When he went home, he took a leap of faith and asked the owner of a beautiful house listed online to lower the rent. Miraculously, the owner agreed!

Tim recalls,

I knew that if God was calling me to Colorado, I wasn't going to suffer for Jesus, because He came to suffer for us. I started confessing everywhere I went that we're going to prosper more on accident in Colorado than we ever did on purpose.

Tim was right! At Charis, he not only prospered in relationship with God but also made divine connections that ultimately led him to financial prosperity. Despite the initial struggle to find work while attending school, Tim prayed for guidance and later launched his own multimillion-dollar roofing business with no experience.

Once again, God had stretched Tim's imagination. Now Tim was not only healed but completely debt-free! What about you? Are you talking to God about the problems in your life, or are you speaking directly to the problems and commanding them to be removed?

Because of our friends and partners, people like Tim are experiencing God's best for their lives through Andrew's materials. Healing and financial prosperity aren't just for Tim! **Every believer has access to a wealth of blessings beyond their wildest dreams.** Don't just take it from us—go ahead and experience it for yourself!

Visit **awmi.net/abello** to hear more of Tim's story!

Quotation edited for length and clarity.



One Charis, Many Locations

What sets Charis Bible College apart from other Christian colleges in the United States? Deep discipleship. Since 1994, Charis Bible College has been transforming the lives of thousands of students, and this year marks a special milestone in its history—the twentieth anniversary of Charis stateside locations! It's been amazing to see how Charis campuses across the United States have changed the lives of so many.

In 2003, we established our first stateside location beyond our main campus in Colorado. This campus—Charis Chicago—was just the beginning. We now have twenty-one locations across the United States in addition to our main campus, Charis Woodland Park. Even with so many locations, each Charis campus offers the same life-changing biblical teaching from Andrew Wommack and Charis instructors, allowing every student access to the same rich Charis experience. And the stories of how Charis students are changing the world are truly inspiring.

Take the story of a Charis Cincinnati student who fell off a stage and injured her ankle. After prayer, she was miraculously healed and able to walk again without issue. Or the graduate from Charis Dallas-Fort Worth who saw improvement in his marriage and advancement in his career he credits Charis for helping him reach stability and prosperity. Or the student from Charis Raleigh-Durham who, shaken by a mass shooting in her neighborhood, turned her fear over to God. Following the Holy Spirit's leading, she attended a memorial and prayed with those hurting. The Lord used her to help bring one teen out of depression and guide another into a relationship with Christ!

At Charis, we are passionate about building a legacy to impact lives for generations to come. We've had grandparents and grandchildren of Charis graduates attend our schools, and we want to see great-grandchildren and great-greatgrandchildren attend too. Our partners are essential to Charis and its legacy. As Andrew continues to follow God's leading on where new campuses need to be planted, the love of our partners enables the life-changing work of Charis to flourish. Through their support in finances, fellowship, and prayer, we have seen countless lives changed by and for the Gospel.

Charis Bible College's remarkable growth and expansion have transformed the landscape of Christian education, and we have no plans to slow down. If you are looking for community, relationship, and most of all, purpose, Charis can help prepare you to walk out your destiny with confidence. Visit **CharisBibleCollege.org** to learn how you can be part of this powerful movement!



A family transformed by reading Andrew's books

My name is Sarah and I glorify God for the day that I came across Andrew Wommack on LTV.

I had been listening to so many Ministers of God, but when I listened to Andrew, it was different. I was compelled to come to the Ministry, and so I went to the Andrew Wommack bookstore in Kampala.

At the Bookstore I was told about Charis Bible College. I got so excited, but the excitement was not long-lived since I was not in position to join because I could not pay the tuition at that moment due to financial constraints.

But then I discovered I could read any of Andrew's Books free of charge in the library. And so, I started on a journey of reading the books.

The first book I read was A Better Way To Pray and my prayer life changed instantly! I had been accustomed to begging God for help and now I was learning something new – that God had already given us all things and I had the authority to speak to situations and declare what I wanted to see. So, when my children got sick this time, I started taking my full authority and speaking to sickness which is something I had never heard about. I have seen them be healed several times. One day, my family and I were invited to Bombo Church of Uganda for a wedding ceremony. It was our first time in Bombo town, which is found in Luwero district in Uganda! While at the function, my son who was then two and a half years got lost for approximately close to three hours! I panicked and started crying. We called the police, but amidst this, I remembered the testimony of when Andrew's son died and how he spoke no negative word or confession! Immediately I changed and started declaring my son was alright and he was not lost! Within ten (10) minutes of declaring this, we were called by the police that they had found the boy! He had crossed the highway and passed the roundabout and was found in the process of entering the gates of the army barracks which was very far from where we were!

On another of my visits to the Andrew Wommack bookstore I came across the book titled The True Nature of God, and I honestly could not get over it because for many years I had believed a lie that God was extremely tough and angry all day long. All along I did works to be righteous before God. I fasted, I gave tithe and offertory out of effort to appease God. This had caused me to live in so much fear and panic as a Christian! When I read the book, I learnt that God is







a Father and a friend who loves me extravagantly, and now my relationship with God my Father has totally been transformed. I do not dread Him; I love and enjoy getting to know more and more about Him. I have so much peace knowing that I am loved by God, and that He has beautiful plans for me. Now I talk to God every day and we do things together. My knowledge and understanding has grown and I am free indeed.

When I say I am free indeed, this is what I mean that for the longest time in all my Christian walk I used to have bad dreams, but when I got a hold of another of Andrew's book titled The Believer's Authority, dear friends, I applied myself to this word. I chose to live it. My dreams changed, my dreams cleared and now when I get a dream, I know it is a message from God.

Having committed myself to the study of the Word and Andrew Wommack books, I was so blessed to read Andrew's book Financial Stewardship. In this book I learnt that all my finances belong to God. I started applying myself relationally to these principles of God with total trust and belief. My husband and I spotted land in Soroti that we wanted to buy, but we did not have enough funds! We had five million Uganda shillings only. The land was fifteen million Uganda shillings! I told my Husband that let us pay what we have, he was skeptical! I assured him about God's faithfulness! Our close relatives opposed it and said that we shall end up borrowing money! Dear friends, we did not borrow but we managed to make all payments even before the stipulated time of six months which had been given to us in which to settle the full amount, and we paid it within one and a half months!

Now I have really become hooked to reading Andrew's books every day. I drop by the bookstore for at least an hour or two whenever I can. My life has changed greatly, and I am now a Partner of Andrew Wommack Ministries, and it is awesome.

Through partnering with God in Andrew Wommack Ministries our finances have raised up and we have acquired a lot of assets which we didn't have before. For example, that land we purchased in Soroti town, we are now building a house for my parents. My husband and I have bought cattle in the village unlike before when all our money would go into treating children and buying only basic needs at home! Imagine we are still earning the same salary, but God has used it to do wonders! This is truly **GOOD NEWS!**

Thank you so much Andrew Wommack. Thank you for allowing God to use you so mightily to change lives now of our children and of generations to come.

God bless Andrew Wommack Ministries.

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