

Pray With Anticipation

Acts 12:12-16, ¹²When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. ¹³Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. ¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" ¹⁵"You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." ¹⁶But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

One key aspect of prayer is the attitude of anticipating God's answer for your prayers. Not that everything we desire to ask from would be given just because we ask of it, but because of the confidence that God is willing and capable to answer our prayers according to His good, perfect and pleasing will.

Why is it so important to understand that God is willing and capable at the same time to answer our prayers? One person may be willing to answer or give what you need, but not capable of doing it for you. On the other hand, he may be capable of giving what you need but reluctant or unwilling to do so.

But not with the Lord, our Faithful God. He is the Keeper of Covenant, Who is more than willing and able to answer our prayers. He is the Omnipotent God, nothing is impossible with Him. He is the Everlasting Father, our names are engraved in His very heart.

With these in mind, we are to pray with full confidence and trust in the Lord. We should anticipate the answer of the Lord whenever we pray. One should never expect that his prayers will be answered if he doubts the ability and readiness of the Lord to answer our prayers. - KOF