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Preface

Before you begin to write in your prayer journal, I would advise you to read my book on the Power of intercession together with its study guide.

These books will give you guidelines on how to pray for yourself and other people and also how to intercede for nations and the lost. The book is full of examples of people who interceded and the powerful impact of their intercession.

The study guide gives you guidelines on how to pray for people in different spheres of authority. There are also a lot of practical exercises on how to pray effectively.

You can still submit any of these practical exercises to me through post or email. I would gladly love to go through them and help you improve your prayer life, as the Holy Spirit directs me to impart His wisdom to you.

The few pages in this book are mainly about how to hear from God and how to maintain a meaningful and productive prayer journal.

If you can follow the guidelines, your prayer journal will become very special to you and

you will keep it for years because of constant references on what the Lord has been saying to you. This will be a source of inspiration knowing that the Lord speaks to “unknown people” like yourself but He knows you and wants to speak to you always, if you give Him the chance in your daily routine.

My prayer is that as you write daily in your prayer journal it will build up your relationship with God and lead you on the path of your destiny.

Meditate on the scripture below

Palms 86:11, Amplified Bible

11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth; direct and unite my heart [solely, reverently] to fear and honor Your name.

Chapter 1

What is a Prayer Journal?

A prayer journal is a daily record of your communication with God. This communication could be through prayer, dreams, vision, and meditating on God’s Word. Below are some major reasons why the Lord wants to communicate with you.

The following points are the importance of having a constant communication with the Lord:

1. Your Destiny

The Lord has created everyone with a unique destiny. Through your communication with Him He will gradually reveal it to you in prayer or when you are silent. He will begin to give you instructions on what to do, where to go and the list goes on.

Isaiah 30:21

21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying. "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

2. Instructions

The Lord can give you instructions on how to do or start a particular thing, for instances, starting a business, a job, a ministry or a political career. It could be creative ideas such as writing a book, starting a restaurant, building a television station, just innovative ideas that could be beneficial to humanity and many more these are just a few amongst many. Write down the instructions and follow them accordingly. Sometimes He can lead you to help other people or build relationships with them.

Psalms 32:8

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

3. Discipline or Correction

You sometimes might be on the wrong path of your destiny. Through The Lord's discipline you heed to His correction to get back on track. For example, God called Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh, but he disobeyed God and went to Tarshish. He later repented, and God spoke to him a second time then he obeyed God's instruction. Jonah 1:1-3 & 3; 1-3.

When we are going astray the Lord will send the Holy Spirit to correct us or send someone to us. Sometimes we are defiant, and we don't listen. Then He will speak to us in our sleep when our senses stop thinking. It is very important to write down such dreams and pray over them.

Job 33:14-18, the Message Bible

14 God always answers, one way or another, even when people don't recognize his presence.

15 "In a dream, for instance, a vision at night, when men and women are deep in sleep, fast asleep in their beds —

16 God opens their ears and impresses them with warnings

17 To turn them back from something bad they're planning, from some reckless choice,

18 And keep them from an early grave, from the river of no return.

4. Intercession

The Lord can direct you to pray for a nation or for people who are still lost in this world. Sometimes He might put a particular nation in your spirit to intercede for. He might also give you a specific name to intercede on behalf of that person. For example, we know that, Queen Esther interceded for the nation of Israel.

5. Prayer

You can pray for different people you like. You can also pray for the sick, the poor, people in authority, your community and you can also pray for yourself; the list goes on.

1 Timothy 2:1-4, Pray for All Men

1 Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

6. Future events

The Lord can speak to you about future events. Some of these events He wants you to intercede about them to stop the plans of the enemy over a nation or a person's life. It could also be that He might just want to reveal to you the great things He wants to do for a person or in a nation. This is because He loves you and wants to communicate His heart's desire to those who will honour His

Word and are willing to listen to Him anytime He is speaking. From our study on the Power of Intercession we observed that God spoke constantly to the prophets on different situations or circumstances. Some other examples are when God spoke through an angel to Daniel about future events that will take place. Isaiah spoke about the birth of Jesus. As we can see in the passage, Ezekiel prophesied the destruction of the land because of the atrocities of the people in authority and all the people of the land. God had to destroy the land because there was no one to intercede on behalf of the people.

These are one of the reasons our prayer of intercessions and our listening to instructions are very important, this can prevent destruction or a disaster from happening.

Ezekiel 22:29-31

29 The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.

30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on

behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

31 Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord God.

This destruction could have been prevented if there was someone listening to the instructions of God and interceding on behalf of the people.

In the next chapter, we are going to learn how to hear from God in prayer.

Chapter 2

How to Hear from God in Prayer

Isaiah 50:4

4 "The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to hear as the learned."

Most of the time when we finish praying, we don't wait for a minute to hear if the Lord has something to say to us, as a result we miss the direction or answer He has for us pertaining to what we just prayed about.

Praying is a two-way communication; you talking to the Lord and Him talking to you. Below are some keys to help us hear clearly from the Lord.

Key Steps on How to Hear Clearly from the Lord

1. Silence

After you finish praying, shut your mind out by keeping still. Or I will put it in a better way, shut yourself out and let God take over your mind. There must be some stillness to clearly hear from God. Sometimes when I want to hear from the Lord and my mind is busy thinking of so many other things. I say this short prayer loudly:

"Shut my mind Lord! so that I can hear from you now! In Jesus Name, Amen."

Zechariah 2:13

13 Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!"

My interpretation of this scripture is, that I am telling all earthly thoughts in my mind to be silent because the Lord wants to speak to me in His holy temple, which is my body.

2. Meditation

This is pondering on what God is saying to you or the revelation you have received from the Holy Spirit. Ponder means to think about or think over the things the Lord spoke to you until you get an understanding of what He said in your heart. You can ponder by reading out loud then pause for a moment think about it again, read it again until you get an understanding.

Psalm 49:3

*3 My mouth shall speak wisdom,
and the meditation of my heart shall
give understanding.*

3. Writing and Reading

This is the most important step that people don't do. Writing is very important because most of the time when the Holy Spirit is speaking, He might be giving it to you bit by bit. It is like a jigsaw puzzle, you have to put the pieces together to know the puzzle's picture, if you miss one piece of the puzzle your picture is incomplete.

If you also do not write down what the Lord is saying to you, you might forget and that could

have been an answer to one of your prayers or something specifically that God was showing you.

I only began to understand my destiny and the plans God has for my life when I started recording the things, He speaks to me through prayer, visions or dreams. It was then I realized there is a path for me to walk on to reach my destiny. Gradually He began to reveal it to me through my journal recordings.

Writing and Reading can be done two different ways, either write while He is speaking or write after He has finished talking. Then read out loud to yourself what you wrote.

Habakkuk 2:2-3

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Just as the scripture says write it in simple or plain English so that you or anyone else can read and understand it. It might not be for now but later; a specific time (we will talk about, time later).

If the Holy Spirit speaks to you it will surely come to pass at the right time and through your obedience to what He instructs you to do about it.

Always look out for specific instructions.

Here are some Key Points to look for when Writing in your Prayer Journal

1. To write down specific instructions for yourself. These could include encouragement in areas where you are depressed. Instructions to solve a problem you have been going through. Instructions about your destiny and what He wants you to do about it.
2. To deliver a word of encouragement.
3. To deliver a message of warning.
4. To declare His Word over a nation or an individual.
5. To write down a future event.

One important thing to note that in most cases words of encouragement and words of warning always include conditions, therefore listen for the conditions.

These guidelines will help you write a very productive and meaningful journal.

In the next chapter we are going to look at the importance of recording your writings in your prayer journal.

Chapter 3

Importance of Recording in your Prayer Journal

The following points below explain the importance why you need to record your Communication with the Lord in your prayer journal.

1. Relationship

This will build up your relationship with the Lord, so He can direct you on the path of your destiny. Journal recording is like building blocks; gradually you begin to see a clearer picture of your destiny as you write daily.

2. Reference

You can always look back at the things He has spoken to you and tick them off when they are fulfilled in your life or when a prayer request has been answered. This builds up your faith in the power of prayer and encourages you to pray more.

3. Encouragement

It is a great source of encouragement when the Lord asks you to intercede for a nation to bring transformation to the lives of the people or to prevent a disaster from happening in a nation. Later you might hear about a revival going on in that nation or that the same disastrous event you prayed for did not take place. This will let you know that the Lord is truly speaking to you.

In a nutshell, Journal writing builds up your relationship with the Lord and prevents you from straying away from the true knowledge of God's Word. As you walk closer with the Lord you will love Him the more and hate to do the things that displeases Him.

In the next chapter, you are going to learn the importance of recording the "Time," in your Prayer journal.

Chapter 4

Importance of recording the “Time” in your Prayer Journal

One of the most important things when writing in your prayer journal is recording the time. When God gives you, a Word make sure you record it with a full date and time.

For example: Monday 29th of April 2010, 7:00 pm.

Habakkuk 2:2-3, the Message Bible

2 And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run.

3 This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming — it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.

Time

According to Habakkuk 2:2-3, we can see it is important to write down what the Lord speaks to us very carefully and clearly because there is an appointed time for its fulfillment.

Jeremiah in his days wrote down the things the Lord spoke to Him, and Daniel in his days was able to read Jeremiah’s writings and knew that, after 70 years; God was going to restore Israel. When it was exactly that time, Daniel began to intercede for the restoration of Israel. Read Daniel’s prayer in Daniel chapter 9:1-3.

What is the meaning of Time?

According to Nelson’s Bible Dictionary, It is a measurable period during which an action or condition exists or continues. Among the Hebrew people, units of time were measured in hours, days, weeks, months, and years. The more abstract concept of time is also mentioned in the Bible. According to Nelson’s Bible dictionary; time could be defined in the following various ways:

1. Present Time

The Bible speaks of God who exists eternally as well as man who lives in a time-space framework.

A key passage for the present time is Eccl 3:1-11, which declares, "There is a time for every purpose under heaven."

2. The Fulfillment of Time

The fulfillment of time is an important concept, because it shows God's sovereign control of time in order to bring His promises to pass. Only the Lord knows the times and seasons for fulfillment (Acts 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1). God has indicated that what He promised long ago would be fulfilled (Isaiah 37:26; Titus 1:3).

3. The Future and the End Times

The future and the end times are in God's control. Many references to future time are related to judgment. Daniel's prophecy outlines the succession of world empires, and this prophecy involved judgments (Daniel 2:28-29). During that time many will fall (Matthew 24:10).

However, the future will not be all doom, because in that time Israel will be a restored kingdom (Joel 3:1; Zephaniah 3:20). The believer eagerly awaits for the time of the SECOND COMING (Hebrew 9:28), which is nearer than when we first believed (Rom 13:11). The future is in God's hands. This means the future is filled with fear and uncertainty for the unbeliever but with hope and certainty for the believer.

4. Eternity

The Bible portrays God as existing eternally (Exodus 3:14; Psalm 90:2; Revelation 1:4; 15:7). This is also true for Christ, His Son (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-3, 18; Hebrew 13:8). The unbelievers will face an eternity of punishment (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 14:11; 20:10-15). The believer's eternal life begins the moment he believes (John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 1 John 5:11). After this present time the believers will live eternally with God and His kingdom (Daniel 7:18, 27; Revelation 22:5).

Although man now lives within a time-space framework, he will live eternally. God who exists eternally will remove time and space, and man will relate to God in an eternal relationship.

Let us also look at some Greek definitions of time from Vine's Dictionary

1. Chronos

A Space in Time Whether Short or Long.

The Lord might speak something to you and in a short time it will come to past. It might also be a long time before its fulfillment. Or an event might be for duration of time. Let us look at an example of each.

Short time: Matthew 2:7-8

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

Long time: Luke 8:26-29

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the

Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"

29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Duration of time: Mark 2:19-20.

19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

2. Kairos

Is Fixed or A Definite Period, A Season, It Is an Appointed Time.

Romans 5:6-7

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

3. Hora

Anytime or Period Fixed by Nature.

Matthew 14:15-16

15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Which definition of time will you place to Habakkuk 2:2-3?

While you are writing in your prayer journal always remember that there are different meanings of time. Be patient and wait for its appropriate fulfillment of time for the accomplishment of what the Lord has spoken to you. He might also reveal the exact time to you just as He did to Jeremiah, but if He doesn't just wait for it will surely come to pass at the right time.

4. Revelation of Time

It is also important to note that God might be revealing things to you about another person, there are various ways it can be handled.

1. It might mean that you just need to pray for that person and not necessary go and speak about it. You stand in the gap on behalf of another; Intercession.

2. It might be that you do not need to discuss or tell the person what the Lord has said immediately, there will be a specific time to reveal such a matter.

3. It might be that you need to reveal such matter immediately.

Whichever case it might be, it is very important to pray and ask the Lord, what He wants you to do pertaining to what was revealed to you.

By now you must have learned the importance of keeping and recording in a Prayer Journal.

I hope this mini booklet will encourage your relationship with the Lord through a constant two-way communication and keeping a Prayer Journal.

Prayer

Father, I pray that you will give wisdom to the reader to know exactly how you want him/her to record in his/her prayer journal.

I pray that the journal will be productive and beneficial to the owner now and in the future in Jesus Name. Amen.

Yinka Oloyede, 2018.

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