



Grace and peace to you,

I'd like to share some things with you in relation to answered prayers. You know Satan only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Steal, murder, or destroy what? What is his aim? It is the Word. He comes only for the Word's sake. Matthew 13:18-23 *Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that hearth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it, yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

The common thing is the Word. He uses tribulations or pressure from circumstances, persecutions, or pressures from people, anxieties (worry), deceitfulness of riches, or lust of other things which is called pleasures of life in Luke's gospel, i.e. vacations, hobbies, or anything that he can to take your mind off the Word. This doesn't mean you can't think about hobbies, vacations, shopping, or such things. However, Matthew 6:33 says *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.* The focus should be on the Word of God until it produces 30, 60, or 100-fold.

Giving maximum focus to the Word and maximum effort to resisting every effort of the Devil is a must. Even though this may sound daunting, it is not. Not when you accept the grace of God in your life. His grace will enable you to do what you couldn't. *But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.* 1 Corinthians 15:10.

God Delights in Answered Prayers

Allowing the grace of the Lord positions you to pray according to His will. To pray as the Lord desires for you to pray is one of the greatest achievements any person can have. It is glorious. To move as He tells you to move and to speak as He tells you to speak is of the highest achievements. When you and I set His agenda first and allow His grace to empower us, we can pray as He wills. How many times have we set our plans first? How many times have we prayed from our own ability? What were the results?

During this celebration month, be on your knees before the Lord. Start to thank Him for all He has done in your life. Then enter into forgiveness. Forgive others as well as yourself. After this, take His blood and receive cleansing and sanctification by the Spirit. Then allow Him to direct you into warfare and intercession for others. The last person to pray for is yourself. Be calm and enjoy your season of answered prayers.

Shalom Shalom