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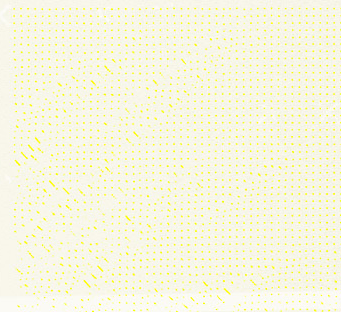
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**Instant answers satisfy the mind.  
Eternal training forms the soul.**



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**God is not in a hurry.**



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# James 1:2-4

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the **testing of your faith** produces **endurance**. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



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- Wrestling with God teaches us **longevity in prayer**.



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# Luke 18:1-8

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times **they ought to pray and not to lose heart**, saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. "There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.'



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“For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’ ”



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And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now, will not God bring about justice for His elect **who cry to Him day and night**, and will He delay long over them?" I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find **faith** on the earth?"



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**Could it be that you haven't  
received your answer because  
you have not held onto faith  
with persistent prayer?**



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**The question is not  
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The question is if His people  
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## Mark 16:15-19

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.



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After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.



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**The miraculous is the reward  
for the price prayed.**

**Abiding in prayer is the work.  
Miracles are the fruit.**



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# Luke 11:5-10

Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.'



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# Luke 11:5-10

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his **persistence** he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks**, receives; and he who **seeks**, finds; and to him who **knocks**, it will be opened



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# Bob Sorge, Illegal Prayers

What good is a relationship with God if you can't lean on it in time of need?...audacity without relationship is presumption. Audacity with relationship can change history.



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