

Don't Give Up!

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Part One:

We never really know where people are at in their struggle to stay in the will of God. So many things can come against us. Generational issues, offenses, demonic attack, immediate family crisis, a series of poor decisions or a series of calamities that we have absolutely no control over nor did we do anything to cause them. As a pastor it is incredibly sad when someone becomes so discouraged due to life's pressures that they leave the work they are doing for the Kingdom simply because someone didn't encourage them.

Since there is no way for me to know your current challenges, I would like to send you a few emails with words of encouragement. The very first thing I would like to say is that you are not alone! The devil would like you to think that you are the one discouraged! A pastor friend of mine in Kanye, Botswana has four daughters and they sing a song they made up. This song simple song was song by them in their private school in Zimbabwe. They never knew if they would have enough food or clean water. They were fifteen hours away from mom and dad in boarding school. Whenever we are facing insurmountable odds, Museba (in Africa) and I (in the USA) we quote this to each other over the phone in unison. It always lifts our spirits.

The lyrics are; *"I Am Anointed, Appointed And The Devil Is Disappointed."*

Prayer Is Always The First Thing To Do

There is nothing that can substitute for prayer. When it seems like all of Hell is against you and there is nobody to help, you must pray like you have never prayed before. Remember, tongues is direct intercession and cannot be distorted by the confusion, demonic attacks or the hopelessness of our situation.

James 1:5-7

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

When you pray, pray for God's will to be revealed in your life. Jesus said to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." You have to learn to trust that God has your best interest at heart no matter how bad it might appear.....
When you pray, pray in the Spirit. Paul said that the Spirit will pray for you "with groanings" that cannot be uttered. God knows what you have need of more than you do. This kind of prayer (tongues) cannot be manipulated, distorted or impoverished by confusion, frustration, hopelessness or oppression. It is a direct link to heaven without interference of circumstances.

Rom 8:26-27

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because **He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

The Spirit intercedes on our behalf. God's hand is moved through intercession according to the will of God by speaking in tongues! When your brothers and sisters join with you to pray for God's will in your life, it multiplies the power of that prayer (the power of agreement). Remember the enemy wants you to feel isolated and alone. Remember the Spirit of Jezebel, it caused Elijah to leave his servant behind (I am the only one) prior to arriving at his "Cave of despair." Do not.... let isolation become part of your scenario!

Col 4:12

*Epaphras, who is **one of you**, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently **for you** in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the **will of God.***

Col 1:9

*For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire **that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;***

When Paul observed the church at Colossians, he saw their faith, he saw their love and their hope, yet he noted that they lacked knowledge of what to do and how to move forward in Christ. They were different than the church at Corinth who had a lot of talent and were enriched with knowledge. So Paul began to pray this prayer for them because he knew that ignorance of God's will would be a constant source of error and heartache. If your mind is not full of God's will it could be that it is full of things not from God, it could be that there are empty

places in your mind that opens the door for the spirit of this world to come and fill.

Paul knew that the Colossians would go through much tribulation whether it came from their own thinking or by the attack of the enemy, Paul understood that he had to do something about this. He could not stay with them forever, so he did what he could; He prayed, and he invited others to pray with him! When you find yourself surrounded on every side by the enemy, don't hesitate to ask those who really love you to pray for the knowledge of God's will in your life.

God will give you revelation.....

Rom 8:28

*And we know that in **all** things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

God is able to do more than we can even think. God can fill your mind with those specific tasks that He has called and enabled you to perform. I encourage you to find those men and women in your life who have your best interests at heart. Join together with them in intercession until you experience "Your Break Through."



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Part Two: If You Quit, You Will Be Uncomfortable And Miserable Doing Anything Else.