

Good Morning Holy Spirit

Believe, Achieve and Succeed!



Find the Time!!

by Ronke Adetunji

Time -- that precious, intangible commodity which dominates our lives and always seems inadequate. Every day and everywhere, man runs to and fro using time to achieve his goals, namely, being on time, making up time, redeeming time, saving time, marking time, working overtime, using up time or wasting time. However, at the end of his "time-controlled" activities, there usually is an undeniable cry of discontent, disenchantment and despair indicating that man's motives, no matter how noble, do not always bring him total satisfaction and peace.

Christians also face the "time" challenge. In addition to their demanding responsibilities, they MUST find time to spend with God. "How is that possible?" one may ask. The answer is, "It is possible, because those who want God find the time to seek Him and those who seek Him, find Him!" The Lord says in Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." For you, however, finding the time may require more than a quick prayer at the steering wheel during the daily commute or an occasional reading of Psalm 23. The Lord may demand that you stop all activities, get into your prayer closet (literally) and commune with Him. His choice of location and your method of communication will be revealed by the Holy Spirit Who guides you into all truth (John 16:13).

In the Bible, God extends numerous invitations to come to Him. Bear in mind that these invitations would be irrelevant if fellowshiping with God is unimportant. The Bible states in Hebrews 11:6, "He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him" (Amplified), and "That it is worth a man's while to try to find God" (Phillips). So scripture clearly shows that we benefit when we seek God and find Him.

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A note to you....

2016! A new year with its new resolutions! "But doesn't that happen every year?" you may ask. "Yes, of course." At the beginning of every year millions vow to do it differently, yet they hopelessly fall into the same unproductive habits of years gone by. Decisions to read the Bible and pray daily, spread the Gospel, lose weight, eat healthy or save more money become the last items on their to-do list.

One of the reasons for this cycle of failure in the lives of many is their dependence on self and not on God. If, at the beginning of every venture we recognize our limitations and turn to the God of all possibilities for guidance, the result would be astounding. In Jeremiah 10:23, the prophet laments, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jesus Himself said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). Obviously, we are not "wired" to manage our affairs! Therefore, invite Jesus to be your pilot, director and guide in everything you do and you will have good success, for He does all things well (Mark 7:37). So welcome to 2016, the year of liberation, jubilation and celebration!

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When nations find the time. The Lord informed King Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Also, after the prophet's warning in Jonah 3, the Ninevites repented in ashes and sackcloth. "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not." These scriptures show that nations that *find the time* to seek God, find Him and are blessed. We can conclude, therefore, that the blessings bestowed upon nations for seeking God can also be realized by any individual who does likewise, "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11).

When individuals find the time. In scripture, one of the striking attributes of men who found the time to seek the Lord was their boldness, their confidence and their ability to do exploits (Daniel 11:32). For example:

Moses. In Exodus 33:11 we read, "The LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend." Scripture says that after meeting with the Lord, "The skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, *until he went in to speak with Him*" (Exodus 34:35), indicating that it was not a one-time occurrence. Moses, despite his overwhelming administrative duties as leader of the newly-freed Israelites from Egyptian bondage and the mixed multitude that accompanied them, found the time to seek the Lord. At God's instruction in Exodus 17:6, he struck the rock in the sight of the elders of Israel, and water came out of it, the people drank and their thirst was quenched.

Joshua. In Joshua 10:12-13, he commanded, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

Elijah. Elijah confidently informed the prophets of Baal, "The God that answereth by fire, let Him be God And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, the fire of the LORD fell, and

consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench" (1 Kings 18:24; 36-38).

Elisha. In 2 Kings 2:14, Elisha "Took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the

waters, and said, 'Where is the LORD God of Elijah?' and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over."

These men of God did not acquire their power by indulging in their favorite pastime every evening. They were determined to *find the time*, and, being committed to purposefully do God's will, were empowered to command the elements.

Additionally, there are countless others whose actions did not impact the elements, but the Bible record shows that they did *find the time*.

- Hezekiah found time to seek the Lord when he went up into the house of the LORD with the insulting letter from the King of Assyria, and spread it before the LORD. "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses" (2 Kings 19:35).
- Contrary to the king's decree, Daniel in Babylon found the time to pray and his enemies were devoured by lions (Daniel 6:8-11; 24).
- Esther and the Jews in Persia found the time to fast and pray, resulting the death of Haman on the gallows he prepared for Modecai (Esther 7:10).
- Simeon and Anna found the time to be in the temple and were given the privilege of seeing Jesus, the Redeemer of Israel (Luke 2).

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- Mary Magdalene found the time to tarry at the tomb of Jesus and was the first to see the resurrected Lord (John 20).
- Cornelius, the centurion, found the time to pray and he and his household were the first gentiles to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10).

God and man. God created all things, but man alone was created in His image (Genesis 1:27) and upon man alone He bestowed the honor described in Psalm 8:5-6, "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet." If the Sovereign Lord of the universe was able to *find the time* to create man in His own image and crown him with glory and honor, man is obligated to *find the time* to commune with Him.

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God can make a way where there is no way; therefore, He will help you *find the time* even when it seems impossible. God has called you to be like Jesus Who constantly found the time to pray and commune with His Father. Mark 6:46, Luke 6:12 and Luke 9:28 tell us that Jesus went into a mountain to pray. In fact, Luke 6:12 says that He "... continued all night in prayer to God." If Jesus, the Son of God and our Great Exemplar found the time in spite of the demands of His ministry, what about us?

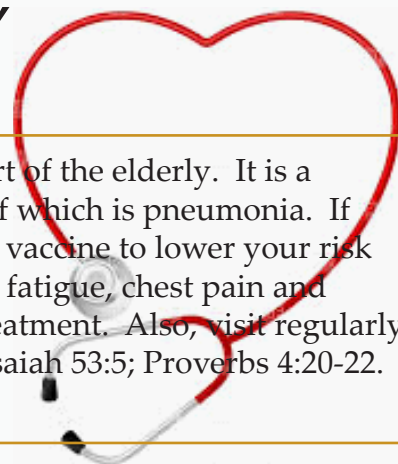
When you *find the time* and experience sweet fellowship with the Father, the words of David in Psalm 16:11, "In thy presence is fulness of joy," will become a reality for you. The Lord will change you and perfect everything that concerns you. He may choose to keep you in obscurity because in so doing, He will more fully produce His choice fruit in you, a fruit that can only be produced in the shade of your prayer closet. He may decide to keep you humble while others around you receive all the accolade for their accomplishments. He may allow you to toil tirelessly, never letting you know how much you are achieving, then use the product of your labor to bless countless others. Whatever He does and however He does it should not be your concern. You have no control over what God does for He is Sovereign, will do with you and to you whatsoever He pleases, and "Who will say unto Him, What doest Thou?" (Job 9:12). Just *find the time!*

The enemy will try to hinder the work of God when you are determined to *find the time*. Nevertheless, fear not, for the Lord Who has called you and set His heart on you will draw you nearer to Him, defend you, protect you, establish your activities and cause you to experience the blessings in Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

Beloved, in 2016, let us all be obedient and *find the time*, for those who find the time, find God!! *Shalom!*

To your health! ... with Elera Nwogu

Winter and spring – seasons that can spell fear and dread in the heart of the elderly. It is a fact that older folks are more susceptible to certain diseases, one of which is pneumonia. If you fall within this category, talk to your doctor about receiving a vaccine to lower your risk of developing the disease. Some of its symptoms are fever, chills, coughing, fatigue, chest pain and shortness of breath, so be vigilant and see your doctor for evaluation and treatment. Also, visit regularly with the Great Physician, by Whose stripes ye were healed. Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:5; Proverbs 4:20-22.



By the Word of Their Testimony

1

It is time to testify to the glory and goodness of God Almighty. I cannot hold this back! In 2014, I sent in a prayer request for the blessing of marriage. God blessed me with an awesome marriage in December 2014 to my best friend. It is so satisfying to have a loving and kind husband and I pray that God bless this union forever. I am so thankful to know that delay is not denial. The Lord delayed my marriage because he reserved this wonderful husband for me.

2

I am a regular GMHS and Hour of Solution participant and I know, without a doubt, that I am always blessed on the Prayer Line. The Lord laid it on my heart and blessed me to support this Ministry financially. Thank you for all that your Ministry has done for me and my children. May the Lord bless you all. *EL*

3

I am giving this testimony to the goodness of God over my children. I joined the Prayer Line in 2012 just before the 70 Days Prayer Program. Glory be to God!! One of my prayer requests was granted yesterday. My baby daughter graduated from College and received her teaching certificate – she is now a qualified teacher. I am now believing God for the right partners for my children. I want to thank the Ministers for their prayers and for standing in the gap for us. May God continue to abide with you and your family. *Sister YA*

4

I almost walked out of my marriage exactly one year ago due to financial problems and other issues. My husband did not care, but my morning devotions on GMHS kept me going. We are serving a living God Who is faithful in all His ways. I was financially blessed in 2014, was able to meet all my obligations and that resulted in peace in my marriage. I was also involved in a very bad accident last year in which my car was totally wrecked, but I walked away unharmed -- God saved my life. I want to say that your prayers uplifted me and I can now glorify God today because of His faithfulness. Nothing is impossible with God. Thank you for your encouragement during times of trials and tribulations. Praise the Lord.
Mrs. I

5

I appreciate the prayers offered on GMHS every morning. I always feel happy and energetic after each session. My husband who suffered a stroke and could not talk, is now talking. Keep up the good work and may God bless you. *A Sister*

6

I want to thank God for His mercies. My former husband, who abandoned his only daughter 37 years ago contacted her this year and promised to visit her. I raised my daughter alone, but she is willing to forgive him because she feels it is necessary for her father to be in her life so that her in-laws will have more respect for her. They always boast of their dad and she feels that she needs to have her dad too. I praise the Lord for His goodness. *A dear sister*

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I want to thank and praise God for providing a miracle job for me after the last 70 Days Prayer and Fasting Program. I thank Him for what He is doing through GMHS and pray that He will continue to help, strengthen and uphold the Ministry, in Jesus' name.
Bro. EA



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Prayer Points

1. Arise, O God, and turn my darkness to light, in the name of Jesus.
2. Arise, O God, and turn my failure to success, in the name of Jesus.
3. Holy Ghost fire, saturate my life, in the name of Jesus
4. O gate of my life, hear the word of the Lord, "Be opened to divine favor," in the name of Jesus
5. Holy Ghost fire, saturate and transform my life, in the name of Jesus
6. Teach me Your way, O Lord, and make me wiser than my enemies, in the name of Jesus
7. My children shall be for signs and wonders, in the name of Jesus.

Live the abundant life!!

In John 10:10 Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." His followers, therefore, should be satisfied in every aspect of life. The following are some suggestions to help live the abundant life.

Flourish upon your high places . . . "He makes my feet like hinds' feet [able to stand firmly and tread safely on paths of testing and trouble]; He sets me [securely] upon my high places" (Psalm 18:33) (Amplified).

Fear, timidity and anxiety sometimes come with new stations in life like marriage, promotion or relocation. The Lord knows that, so don't despair! He has promised to give you feet like hinds' feet, able to stand firmly during the testing period. He will securely position you so that you do not falter, flounder or fail in your high places.

Walk in divine health . . . The sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, does not only save us from sin, but also provides healing for our physical bodies. Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24 both say that we are healed by His stripes. Proverbs 4:22 tells us that the Word of God (Jesus), is life and medicine to our flesh. We must forsake contrary beliefs. When we saturate our lives with the Word, believe the Word and yield totally to the Lordship of Jesus, we will experience divine health more fully.

Celebrate Jesus! . . . Why? Because He is the:

- J** - Just
- E** - Eternal
- S** - Savior
- U** - Undefeated
- S** - Son of God!!

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