

God Is Always Working, Even When You Don't See Prayer Answers

Knock, knock, knock! "Oh, Lord, it's me again. Here I am standing at the door pounding and pounding. It's the same prayer request, Lord, for about 15 years now! I have been asking—well actually *begging*—You, Lord, but I never seem to get an answer. All I see are my red knuckles and this closed door! Lord, aren't You tired of hearing me pray this prayer and knock on this door?"

Right then it's as if I heard a voice speak to my heart: "Shhhhhh! Be still and listen!"

As I stopped whining, crying and asking, I listened intently. I could hear tremendous movement on the other side of the door. It was as if there were furniture and big objects that were being moved around and repositioned.

Then I heard the voice speak once again, "All you see is this closed door. But I am working behind this door to position things for an answer to these prayers. You will see that when this door finally opens I will do a quick work, for I am setting many things in place and working on many different levels."

Wow! I will never forget that word picture the Lord gave me one day as I was praying for the same prayer request for many years. He spoke to my heart. I can actually testify that the Lord *did* answer this prayer and it was exactly as He said: When the door opened, so many things were set in place that He did a quick work—quicker than I could imagine.

Are your knuckles red from pounding on heaven's door? Are you discouraged because no matter how hard you pray all that you

see is a door shut tight in your face? Take a moment and listen. Be still in the presence of the Lord and let Him assure you that He is working behind the scenes to do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!”

Be encouraged by the scriptural mandate in Matthew 7:7 (AMP), “Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you.”

PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 8/05/2013

This week heed the Lord’s admonition to keep on asking and seeking for your answers to prayer.

Acknowledge His faithfulness and thank Him that He is totally worthy of your trust. Tell Him that you know His will is best and He will work all things for your good. Continue to pray that God will send revival into our churches and communities. Ask Him for opportunities to be a blessing to others and help expand His kingdom. Lift up our spiritual, community and national leaders and continue to pray for racial harmony. Pray for the next generation as they return to schools this month and remember those who work with our youth in churches, schools and community events. Lift up Israel, the persecuted church and those suffering losses through war, crime or natural disasters. Matt. 7:7; I Thes. 5:17; I Tim. 2:8; John 17:9