

# Standing Firm

*“... and having done all, to stand”*

*Ephesians 6:13*

*“Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”*

*1 Peter 5:8-9*

Believe the promise of Psalm 107:20. God has sent His word to heal and prosper you and His word works! (Luke 8:15.) Surely, He keeps His word (1 King 8:56). Your healing/prosperity may be instant or it may be manifested after sometime. But never let doubts arise in you just because you don't see immediate results. Don't let lingering symptoms or poverty discourage you! After all, when you go to the doctor, do you immediately begin to feel better? No, the medication usually takes some time before it begins to have any effect. In the same way, the effects of divine healing/prosperity may not appear instantly. It may be weeks/months before you feel completely healed or experienced true prosperity.

So, what must you do in the meantime? Exercise your faith! Here is how:

- 1) **Search out the will of God (Jn 5:39, Col 4:12, 1 Jn 5:14).** Seek the will of God prayerfully. His perfect will is the unshakeable foundation of strong faith
- 2) **Listen attentively to His word.** Giving top priority and focused your attention fully and constantly to audio/visual messages that edify your faith (Rom. 10:17). Daily dosage of such daily healing boosts up your future.
- 3) **Be diligent in constant confession.** It is difficult to believe that you are healed / prospered if you are constantly talking about your sickness/poverty. Speak only words that are in agreement with God's will for your healing/prosperity. (Deut 30:14, 5, 19)
- 4) **Establish God's word as the final authority.** The word of God says by the stripes of Jesus you were healed (1 Peter 2:24), so believe what it says! His word declares: Give and it shall be given unto you. Lk 6:38. Believe it wholeheartedly.
- 5) **Refuse to believe what you see and feel.** Only believe His word (Luke 5:5). Be ever word conscious and not be conscious of the symptoms of defeat (Luke 1:37-38; 2:19).

- 6) **Refuse doubt and unbelief.** When the devil whispers doubts and unbelief into your mind, deal with these thoughts immediately. These are mental toxins. Cast them down, don't dwell on them.
- 7) **Make meditation your lifestyle (Ps 1:3).** Keep your mind ever fixed on the promises of God (Phil. 4:8). Let your speech be salted with scriptures (Ps 56:4,10).
- 8) **Cast your care upon the Lord.** The devil will try to use anxieties pertaining to your situations to choke the word in your heart so that the promises become unfruitful (Mark 4:9).
- 9) **Praise God for your healing and prosperity!** Praising God before you see a manifestation is the highest form of faith (Rom. 4:20).
- 10) **Don't waver!** James said that the person who wavers in faith should not expect to receive anything from the Lord (James 1:6-7).
- 11) **Never let go!** No matter what happens, continue to stand on God's Word for your healing/prosperity (Mark 9:29; 10:48-52, 2 Cor 6:8-10)
- 12) **Holding fast to the rhema with patience** (Lk 8:15, Heb 6:12). Patience is the great fertilizer and sustenance in God.

If you are very diligent in these "workouts" and practice the faith walk, you shall become a strong overcomer, ruling over the negative forces of life (Prov. 10:24; 1 John 5:4). Choose your destiny today: victim or victor. Established the winning mentality (Rom. 8:31-39) and be a winner by the might of Christ. (Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14). God will see you through victoriously (Phil. 1:6).