

Waiting is not for the fainted hearted

*“My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.”
(Psalms 62:5)*

Waiting upon the Lord is not for the novice or the faint-hearted ones. Waiting upon the Lord requires the fruit of patience. The difficulty of this prayer lies in the struggle to wait for the time lag between initial petition and the outcome of this prayer. The waiting phase is often so frustrating and at times felt a sense of hopelessness pervades our soul.

“Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.”
(Ps 27:14, NASB)

What can we do to develop the art of waiting upon the Lord?

- a) Be willing to rest: “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.” In the process of waiting, we must eradicate all anxieties: “Do not fret” (Ps 37:8)
- b) Be willing to embrace patience: “I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.” (Ps 40:1). Only through the stamina and endurance of patience will we see breakthroughs in life (Heb 6:11,12). The waiting period often drags from weeks to months and even years. Hence, so many of us lose heart during the time lag.
- c) Be willing to take risks: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage...” (Jos 1:9). The absence of courageous faith is the root cause of every failure.
- d) Be willing to hold fast to the truth: “let us hold fast the confessions of our hope without wavering” (Heb 10:23a). When we steadfastly abide in the truth, we shall definitely see breakthrough (2 Tim 1:13; Col 2:7).
- e) Be willing to believe in His faithfulness: “...for He who promised is faithful” (Heb 10:23b). Only those who embrace this insight of God’s attribute tenaciously will ever succeed to see their victory (Heb 11:11; 1 Thes 5:24; 2 Thes 3:3; Ps 119:90).
- f) When we are captivated by Him and honour Him to partake in the above factors, we will be guaranteed to see His grace coming forth to empower us for victory.

His faithfulness endures forever (Psalm 89:1)