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Preface

The value of a man does not depend on his age. The author of this book, who evolves in the Christian business, has shown his abilities over time through his various books published during this 21st century. On his journey including time as intercessor, before answering the call to the Ministry of teacher of the Word of God, he held the position of Pastor in a modest and powerful Church in Great Britain

Knowing how to pray effectively is one of the most important things a believer can ever do in his Christian life. A believer cannot be successful in fulfilling God's purpose in his life if he does not know how to pray according to biblical principles.

The theme being addressed here: *The Seven Keys to a Successful Prayer* adds a contribution in the life of the Church, and can be used as a useful instrument, and help in changing of lives of many. The author brings to those who have chosen to put their trust in God the Creator, the tool which contains the principles of the answered prayers.

In this book, the servant of God gives us insight into these divine principles that underlie the right relationship with our Father according to the Word of God. It is believed that athlete cannot be crowned unless he fights according to the rules. Similarly, the Christian can receive the answer to his prayer only if it is conforming to God's principles.

It is an exciting and fantastic book which gives the insight of the essential principles and their practical

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implementation to live in real relationship with God for the prayers to be granted.

I strongly recommend the readers to take time and browse these pages that comprise the bulk of this book.

Evangelist David Smith

Introduction

Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules (2 Timothy 2:3-5).

As I was feeling more and more a desire to write, God inspired me to explore this crucial topic in regard with prayer. Indeed, looking onto everyday situations that we are going through, we realize that they always contain a strand of information which can be carefully exploited and analysed, in one way or another, and undoubtedly serve as experience to solving the problems in our lives.

In a Christian's life, there is a lot of unresolved issues that apparently involve the quality of a Minister of God. As an illustration, we can recall the cases we encounter in our daily life. When believers go through stressful problems that persist in their lives and thus drive them to despair, the servants of God are unwittingly made victims; accused of being unable to assist them. Some believers are managing even to retire from the Churches searching a powerful man of God who could help them get comfort and consolation they need.

We have witnessed many heated conversations between embittered and disappointed believers with strong reactions

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from the Churches and their leaders. Those believers consider that real miracles no longer exist, and men of God are powerless in healings and miracles realm. That is the case of another believer/member of a given Church who was talking to others about the struggle he was going through. He said that he was discouraged because since he is praying, he was not convinced that God was present in their Church. Suddenly one of the fellow members replied:

“I think you are right; our pastor is not anointed and therefore doesn't have the Holy Spirit. “Another came to me one day and said:

“Pastor, now two days that the Lord continues to speak to me concerning our Church. He told me that He is prepared to bless us, but the containers in which He can pour His blessings are not pure.”

Another came and said: Pastor, I am testifying what God has done in my life. “

“I've been going through hardship for fourteen years, but when I came to this Church, God has manifested His glory, and I have the answer to my request.”

Notwithstanding these three cases mentioned above, without evading the others that went straight to my mind as a kind of inquiry; thus, I understood that there is a need to prepare a teaching in response to the concerns of the members of our Church. Then, the Holy Spirit inspired me to go beyond a simple teaching as it is found a little limited to only my Church; and a question arose as to how I could reach as many as those who are not members of our Church, but who are experiencing the same problems? I decided to write this book while I continued to teach those who were at my fingertips. The first Scripture which motivated my concern was James 4:3:

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

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Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He said: He who believes in me would do even bigger things than I did. Before I was given the message, I was in prayer for the Sunday sermon; the Lord inspired me to preach about the fear of God, especially the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 4, and tenth verse 10 which Moses recalls the message of the Lord:

Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.

The fear of God is one step far away from the prayer. Writing to the Philippians, Apostle Paul exhorts them:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God (4:4-6).

This exhortation was the response to their concern as written in the book of Jeremiah 15, its verse 18 when they wondered:

Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. Therefore, this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this person turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

Lord was prompt to answer their question. In Chapter 30 of the same book, verse 12, He said:

Your wound is incurable, your injury beyond healing. There is no one to plead your cause, no remedy for your sore, no healing for you. All your allies have forgotten you; they care