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Today's Sermon: Undeterred Prayer
Scripture: Various

FIVE ATTITUDES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER FROM GOD

1. Allow God to speak to you personally.

God speaks to us generally, to everyone through His Word : *logos*
God speaks to us personally through a revelation of His Word: *rhema*

But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

John 14:26 (AMP)

But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

John 16:13 (AMP)

Three aspects of the Holy Spirit's ministry: He will teach us, remind us and guide us. =

2. Accept God's timing.

And Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I be certain of this? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in age."

Luke 1:18 (AMP)

One person said you spell faith, P-A-T-I-E-N-C-E

3. Allow God to answer in His own way.

Not only whenever He thinks best but however He thinks best.

Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us,

Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)



4. Allow God to answer in His own power.

God often waits until the situation is humanly impossible before He answers.

When you're waiting for a prayer that's been delayed, watch God at work in other people's lives and let it build your faith.

5. Allow God to answer for His own purpose.

Not only whenever He wants, however He wants, but also for whatever reason He chooses.

[I am writing] to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called to be saints (God's people) and set apart for a sanctified life, [that is, set apart for God and His purpose]: Grace to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being] from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ... in my prayers; always pleading that somehow, by God's will, I may now at last come to you... So, for my part, I am ready and eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

Romans 1:7, 10, 15 (AMP)

Paul's great desire in life was to preach the gospel in Rome.

And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

Romans 15:20 (NKJV)

whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

Romans 15:24 (NKJV)

Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

Acts 28:16 (NKJV)

The point is Paul made it to Rome but he allowed God to work it out God's way.

Summarize: When you pray and the request is not right, God says no. When you pray and you're not right, God says grow. When you pray and the timing is not right, God says slow. When everything's in place, God says go.