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Knock Until Your Door Opens!

Luke 11:9, NIV; "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10, for everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

In Luke 11, Jesus Christ was teaching his disciples how to pray and to illustrate he used a story of a disciple going to a friend's house for a loaf of bread. Jesus said if you go to a friend's house at midnight and tell him you have a visitor and need to borrow three loaves of bread – suppose he tells you in return not to bother him. He and his family are in bed, the door is locked, and he can't help you. Our Lord said that if you keep knocking at your friend's door, he will answer it; not because of your friendship, but because of your shameless persistence. This lets us know, that if you keep on knocking at the door long enough, after while your perseverance will pay off.

Most single women who are in search of a husband have been praying to God for quite a while. After a certain length of time has passed by, their patience wades and so does their persistence. In the parable in Luke 11, Jesus Christ is not instructing us to pray repeatedly for the same things. He is instructing us how to have the patience and persistence to develop our minds, so that our faith is strong. This isn't something that happens overnight. It takes time. Because you see, you have to get to a place where you're not rocked because the person you thought was the right one turns out to be the furthest thing from it. You don't sink in your spiritual efforts because the sistafriend next door who seems to be nowhere near your level of commitment to Godliness has just gotten engaged, meanwhile you are still patiently waiting. When your head and heart are in the right place, this stuff doesn't take you off your mark.

While the single, Christian bride is waiting in faith for her future husband, she is suppose to be busy doing the Will of the Father. She is to understand that the people, situations, and circumstances in her life are strategically appointed to lift her higher in the things of God. Sometimes we miss this. We take our lives for granted and we fail to see what God is showing us, because we are so heavily focused on acquiring rather than aspiring to reach the pinnacle of spiritual growth and maturity.

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When it comes to faith in this area, there's one thing that you MUST bear in mind at all times; it works! Faith produces results. There is no time, ever, in which faith does not yield the results that have been prayed for. In Genesis 12, God made a promise to Abraham, the father of our believing. Verse 2 reads, *"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."*

Abraham didn't rest on his laurels after he received this promise from God. He understood how monumentally important his relationship with God was, and so he made it his business to listen in for directives. Abraham had to move his family away from the home they knew. God didn't tell him to do these things just for the sake of doing them. These were strategic steps that were necessary to fulfill the promise that Abraham had received.

Some biblical scholars tell us that there was a span of 13 years between the time God made this promise in Genesis 12 to the time when Sarah actually became pregnant with Isaac. Abraham didn't know how the promise would be fulfilled; he didn't have all of the specifics, but he trusted that God would make it happen.

You have to ask yourself if you are really listening to the Father. Are you considering what may be necessary to receive the promise of a husband? Rest assured that a great deal is required. Your persistence to knock and keep on knocking equates to the reality of consistently and patiently praying, ministering, listening, and moving according to the spirit. It's the solid, locked-down, etched-in-stone habit patterns that you develop as a faithful daughter of the Most High; these will enable you to embrace the results of your fully persuaded faith.

Colossians 1:11 (NLT)

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12; always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

We are children of the light, so this automatically entitles us to the inheritance God has made available. Give thanks for your heart's desires, and walk in the authority of claiming that reality in the name of Jesus Christ. But also proceed with due caution that you do not become overly anxious. That can sometimes lead you down the path of confusion. If you don't keep your emotions in check, the peace of God may become overshadowed by the wrong thing.

Knock faithfully and patiently, not allowing yourself to become discouraged as the time passes. Learn to hear God's directives and be willing to move accordingly. Get excited about your relationship with Him. He's the light that ought to burn in your heart. Persevere in the Lord, and

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ask Him to help you build your faith and strength in the area of matrimony. Learn your lessons well, and in due time the door will open.

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