

## Are You a Receiver?

God has promised to pour out his power, anointing and blessing on this church. Do you believe He is going to do that?

We are coming together tomorrow night, believing that God will pour out healing on His people. Do you believe He is going to do that?

One thing I have learned over these many years of ministry is that:

***Believing is NOT ENOUGH.*** Faith is only half of the process.

### 1. **RECEIVING must accompany believing.**

Matthew 21:17-22 *Jesus was hungry and cursed a fig tree that had no figs.* (20) And when the disciples saw, they marveled, saying, ***How quickly*** the fig tree has withered away! (21) Jesus answered and said to them, Truly I say to you, ***If you have faith and do not doubt***, you shall not only do *this miracle* of the fig tree, but also; if you shall say to this mountain, Be moved and be thrown into the sea; it shall be done. (22) **And all things, whatever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.**

**receive: G2983: lam-ban'-o:** to take; to get hold of; accept, be amazed, attain, catch, have, hold, obtain, take away, take up.

### 2. Receiving is **ACTIVE**, not **PASSIVE**, just like faith!

**When you ask for something in faith, you have to receive it, take it, get a hold of it, catch it, and obtain it.**

#### A. A **RADIO** is a good illustration of this spiritual principle.

- A radio is a **RECEIVER**  
American Heritage Dictionary: An apparatus used to receive radio signals; a receiver.
- There are many steps involved in actually receiving the signal.
  - § **PLUG** it in or install some **BATTERIES** get some **POWER** to it (the Holy Spirit).
  - § **TURN IT ON**: activate it (release faith).
  - § **TUNE** in a station (tune your heart into God's frequency, open up to him so you can receive, pray in the Spirit, pray in English, worship).
  - § If the station doesn't come in well, put the **ANTENNA** up (your hands).
  - § If the signal is still not coming in well, you may have to **ADJUST THE POSITION** of the radio (make sure your heart/mind/soul is pointed toward him, not the world; repent, forgive others, submit to His Lordship).
  - § If the signal continues to be weak, you may have to get **CLOSER** to the transmitter.

#### B. Is the radio signal still out there even if you're not tuned in? **YES. It is up to you to ACTIVELY RECEIVE it.**

### 3. The **POWER** of the Holy Spirit must be actively received.

Acts 1:8 But you shall ***receive (lambano)*** power, the Holy Spirit coming upon you. And you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to *the* end of the earth.

4. **The HOLY SPIRIT must be actively received.**

John 20:19-22 (Jesus miraculously appeared in the room where the disciples were hiding after his resurrection.) He said to them: Peace to you! (20) And when He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you. As *My* Father has sent Me, even so I send you. (22) And when He had said this, He breathed on *them* and said to them, **Receive** (*lambano*) the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:17 Then they laid *their* hands on them, and they **received** (*lambano*) the Holy Spirit.

5. **HEALING must be actively received.**

A. **Sarah actively received her healing miracle.**

Hebrews 11:11 By faith also Sarah herself **received** (*lambano*) strength (*dunamis: power*) to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him who had promised *to be* faithful.

B. **The lame man at the temple was expecting to RECEIVE money, but he RECEIVED a healing.**

Acts 3:1-10 And on the same *day* Peter and John went up into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. (2) And a certain man, who was lame from his mother's womb, was being carried. And they laid him daily at that temple gate which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered into the temple. (3) Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked *to receive* alms. (4) And fastening his eyes on him, Peter with John said, Look on us! (5) And he paid heed to them, **expecting to receive** (*lambano*) something from them. (6) But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk! (7) And taking him by the right hand, he lifted *him* up. And immediately his feet and ankle-bones **received** strength. (8) And leaping up, he stood and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. (9) And all the people saw him walking and praising God. (10) And they recognized him, that it was him who sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**expecting: G4328:** prosdokaō: *pros-dok-ah'-o:* to *anticipate* (in thought, hope or fear); to *await*: be in expectation, look for, tarry, wait for.

- **EXPECTATION connects believing with receiving.**

6. **The WORD must be actively received.**

Acts 2:41-47 Then those who gladly **received his word** were baptized. And the same day there were added about three thousand souls. (42) And they were **continuing steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship and in the breaking of the loaves, and in prayers. (43) And fear came on every soul. **And many wonders and miracles took place through the apostles.** (44) And all who believed were together and had all things common. (45) And they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need. (46) And continuing with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food with gladness and simplicity of heart, (47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**received: G588** apodechomai: *ap-od-ekh'-om-ahee:* to *take fully, welcome* (persons), *approve* (things): accept, receive (gladly).

**7. Anything you ASK FOR must be actively received.**

**A. Ask and you shall receive.**

John 16:12-28 (23) And in that day (*Jesus is speaking about the day He is going to go back to the Father*) **you shall ask Me nothing.** Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you. (24) Before now you have asked nothing in My name; ask and you shall **receive** (*lambano*), that your joy may be full.

**B. Asking and receiving is also tied to OBEDIENCE and FAITH.**

1 John 3:22-24 And whatever we ask, we **receive** (*lambano*) from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. (23) And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment. (24) And he who keeps His commandment dwells in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He gave to us.

**8. Direct PROMISES from God must be actively received.**

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, being tested, offered up Isaac. And he who had **received** the promises offered up his only-begotten *son*, (18) of whom it was said that in Isaac your Seed shall be called, (19) concluding that God *was* able to raise him up, even from *the* dead, from where he even received him, in a figure (*like a parable, in a sense he did get Isaac back from the dead*).

**received: G324:** *anadechomai: an-ad-ekh'-om-ahee:* to *entertain* (as a guest)

**9. The BLESSING of God must be actively received.**

Psalms 24:3-6 Who shall go up into the hill of Jehovah? Or who shall stand in His holy place? (4) He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity, and has not sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall **receive** the blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (6) This *is* the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, *O God* of Jacob. Selah.

- receive: **H5375:** *naw-saw':* to *lift*, accept, advance, arise, carry away.
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** helps you get tuned in so you can receive.

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