

WE HAVE A TWOFOLD PROBLEM

- we ask too little
- we ask too quickly

Quote: “God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.” Jim Elliot

3 You must be willing to let God answer in His own power.

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

Why? So He will get all the credit.

4 You must be willing to let God answer for His own purpose.

WHY DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

- for our growth
- for His glory

Look at the apostle Paul in Romans 1:1-15; Romans 15:20-24 and Acts 28:16.

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 is in place, God says, “go.”

study notes

1. Luke 1 deals with the birth of John the Baptist to Zacharias and Elizabeth. Look at the factor of their age, Zacharias’s position, and their response to Gabriel’s news. What is the significance of John the Baptist’s ministry?

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2. What should we do when we are tempted to think that one of God’s promises is impossible?

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3. Read Isaiah 55:6-11. Can you name a time when you tried to fit God into your mold—a time where you tried to make His plans and purposes conform to yours?

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4. Examine the apostle Paul’s desire, prayer, and God’s will in Romans 1:1-15; Romans 15:20-24 and Acts 28:16.

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