

God's Promises Obtained through
Faith and Patience

THE POWER OF PATIENCE

NIYI MAKINDE

NIYI MAKINDE

THE POWER OF PATIENCE



NIYI MAKINDE

Copyright © 2021 by Niyi Makinde

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, scanning, or otherwise without written permission from the publisher. It is illegal to copy this book, post it to a website, or distribute it by any other means without permission.

First edition

This book was professionally typeset on Reedsy.

Find out more at reedsy.com

Contents

<i>Acknowledgement</i>	iv
1 IMITATE GOD BY BEING PATIENT	1
2 PATIENT EXPOUNDED	2
3 IMITATE THOSE WHO THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE...	3
4 BE PATIENT IN SPIRIT	5
5 BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION	7
6 REST IN THE LORD	9
7 WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM	11
8 BE PATIENT IN MOMENT OF AFFLICTION	12
9 BE PATIENT WITH ALL	14
10 DECIDE TO SHOW LOVE	16
<i>About the Author</i>	17
<i>Also by Niyi Makinde</i>	18

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge the Eternal Mind that possess the treasures of all knowledge and wisdom.

To everyone that contributed to this book- Akintunde Ajibesin, Emmanuel Ojodun, Kehinde Otesile - I celebrate you all. Your investment remains eternal.

I love all pastors, leaders and members of Rebirth Global Church. You are highly honored.

1

IMITATE GOD BY BEING PATIENT

Romans 15:5 says “*Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another according to Christ Jesus.*”

We are in a time that many people just want things to happen at their pace but don't want to be patient for the manifestation or fruition of those things at the **kairos** season. This verse clearly reveals that our God is the God of patience.

Now, if God has the attribute of patience, why will His children not have patience? Ephesians 5:1 says “*Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children.*” If you are a Christian, you must imitate your Father. And scripture already reveals that God is a God of patience. That means, you must imitate God by being patient.

If you are not patient, you are not like your heavenly father. Your heavenly father is patient and He wants you to be patient too.

PATIENT EXPOUNDED

What does it mean to be patient? It means to endure, persevere, to believe that things will happen soon. More so, to be patient means to be able to wait for a time without becoming angry or frustrated.

There are many promises of God to you that may seem as though it is taking a long time for it to manifest. Scriptures, says you should be patient. To be patient doesn't mean you are idle or lazy, it means you continue doing the needful and expecting that Gods plans for your life will work out at the desired time.

Whatever, God has promised you will come to pass at His timing. All you need is to be patient. Patience is a message to God that you are waiting for Him.

IMITATE THOSE WHO THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISE

You should imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. The insight is that God will give you His promises, but you have to give God your patience. You must be able to wait for Him to do what He will do. When you see others around you doing exploit and growing bigger, you don't have to be discouraged but give glory to God. And as you do, continue doing what you need to do and expect that one day, your desire and expectations will manifest too.

James 5:11 says "Indeed we count them blessed who endured. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful." Often, we just talk about God giving Job double of all he had in the past, but we failed to recognize that Job was patient. He went through whole lots of pain but he endured all. Job was patient and that gave God the opportunity to give Him double. God is ready to give you more than you expect, but are

you willing to be patient?

The word of the Lord says we count them blessed who endured. In other words, those who are patient are really blessed. As believers your patience will give God the time and opportunity to work out your blessing. Whoever fails to be patient may miss the blessings. Never think God is late. No! God can never be late. What He will do in your life will fit the time that will bring glory to His name and beautify you.

BE PATIENT IN SPIRIT

Ecclesiastes 7:8

“The end of a thing is better than its beginning, the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.”

I have seen many desires greatness but not ready to go through the process that will work out the greatness. God’s words reveal there is the patient in spirit and proud in spirit.

The patient in spirit is someone who is calm during challenges, difficulty and unbearable circumstances. But the proud in spirit is one who can never be calm and not ready to endure anything. Scriptures reveal that the patient is better.

You can be a believer and still be proud in spirit. That is, you don’t have the character to endure challenges and circumstance that will work out Gods promises in your life. After you receive God’s promises, you should be ready to go through certain seasons. People will not go through the same things because they are not promised the same things. As long as your promise land is not the same, your path cannot be the same. This insight will make you never to compare yourself to others.

As you grow ahead in life, you will be faced with certain

situations, you have to develop the attitude of patience. Only the patient will end up in his promise land. Those who are never patient often die on the way. May you get to your promise land.

BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION

Romans 12:12 says *“rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.”*

Here is the admonition of Paul to the Christians at Rome. He said to them that they should be patient in tribulation. There are times that some circumstances will just come your way unexpectedly, you must be patient in those circumstances. That is the period you have to watch the words you say. You must not utter any negative words that will affect the course of your life.

Sometimes, tribulation can be the instrument of transformation. There is a level of transformation that can never happen to you until you are ready to go through certain situations. Tribulation are afflictions. They are instruments of torment in the hand of the devil. It is so amazing to discover that what the devil uses to torment people, God uses to transform people.

Often times, it is tribulation that God will use to make you stronger. That is why you need to be patient in difficult times because the end of it will be strength for you. In difficult times, you must bear in mind that the Lord is with you and He will never forsake you. God doesn't permit people to go through

tribulation so as to suffer them, He does that so as to reveal the inner capacity in them.

You must be patient with God in affliction because that is one of the things He uses to create desires in people. And when desires are furnished in men, discovery are soon made by them. What differentiated men from each other most times are the things they have gone through and survived.

REST IN THE LORD

There is an instruction from Psalm 37:7 which says *“Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.”*

To rest in the Lord is to believe that His words, promises and prophecies to you will come to pass. When you don't doubt God's word but regularly think that word, you are resting in the Lord.

It is only those who rest on His word that have entered into their rest. Rest in the Lord will create a firm belief in your heart that whatever He has promised you will surely come to pass. Anxiety is a sign that you are not rest in the Lord. When you rest in the Lord, you will have a great expectation that something great will happen in your life. Rest creates expectation for the miraculous.

You cannot rest in the Lord and doubt what He has said. Anytime God speaks to you, He is talking into your future. When you believe His words to you, you have entered into His rest.

A sure sign that you rest in the Lord indeed is that you remain patient with Him. God's concern is your future, not your present.

Has the Lord told you anything? Then, trust on Him and patiently wait for Him.

WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM

Beyond your rest (that is your belief in His words to you) you are told to wait patiently for Him. This is where many people miss it. They use their minds to calculate how Gods word will come to pass. They tend to imagine how that word will come to pass and obviously, they would not be able to figure it out. So, they then, become impatient and doubt the fulfillment of that word. Refuse to be impatient! You have got to simply declare that His words will come to pass in your life.

You wait patiently for the Lord when you continue doing what you should do while you are expecting Him to come in His time to do what you cannot do. God expects you to start whatever He has committed into your hand while you wait for Him to come and finish it. Patience works consistency. When you are patient, you will be consistent.

You have to bear in mind that you cannot do whatever God has promised you. You cannot make His promises happen. Only Him can fulfill whatever He has promised you. When you are patient on Him, you are indirectly telling Him that you believe He can do what He has promised.

BE PATIENT IN MOMENT OF AFFLICTION

In 1 Timothy 6:11 *“But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness”*

Paul admonished Timothy to pursue patience. In other words, Timothy was to go after Patience. Paul further counseled Timothy to endure affliction – *“But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an Evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”* 2 Timothy 4:5.

That shows that Paul wanted Timothy to be patient in moment of affliction. Afflictions are pain. When pain hits, be patient and know that God is on your side. Regardless of whatever you are passing through today, just be patient.

God will use your patience to work out your greatness. When you tell God to give you greatness, He will tell you to give Him your patience. Afflictions are for a short time. Whatever affliction you are going through today is working in you a far eternal weight of glory. Afflictions are not to kill you but to bring out the glory and treasure within you. God will often use what you are going through to bring out what He has hidden in you.

I have learned that it is in the moment of affliction that we discover who we are and what we have the most. The greatest thing that can ever happen to a man in affliction is not coming out of it but the revelation granted to such. Your revelation is your greatest miracle in affliction. What is revealed about you is what God is working for you.

BE PATIENT WITH ALL

1 Thessalonians 5:14

“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

God doesn't want you to only be patient with Him and in circumstances; He wants you to be patient with all. There will be time that people around you will hurt you. Sometimes, it could be your family members or neighbors, but God doesn't want you to take their hurt to heart, He wants you to let go and be patient with them. As you read this, it could be that someone has really hurt you or wounded your emotion; you don't have to be depressed or weak. Just let go.

Whether you like it or not, human will always be human. You must be careful not to be influenced by the negative things people are doing to you. There are people who are not mature enough to behave rightly or talk rightly. You need to be patient with such individuals. God doesn't want you to take everything people do or say to heart. No! He wants you to have a free heart towards those who hurts and wound you.

One of the needed qualities of a servant of God is to be patient

– “And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient” 2 Timothy 2:24. If you call yourself a minister of God and you are not patient with people, then, you lack one of the main qualities that must be found in you. When some people dishonor you, be patient. It is immaturity and ignorance that make a person to dishonor people. Greatness is demonstrated by your level of patience. When you are patient, you are great. Do you know that anytime you are patient with the weakness of anyone, what you are simply saying is that you are stronger than that person? The real strong people are the patient.

There are instances when family members may hurt you; you have got to be patient with them. You must remember that when human race sinned against God, God was still patient with them. Do you know that if God was to deal with you with all the evil you have done? you should not be alive today. Yet, God still loves you and was patient with you in the moments you acted human. Learn to bear with people for by so doing, you will be able to display the patience of God.

DECIDE TO SHOW LOVE

Can you decide to show love to your offenders? Those who have really hurt you, can you decide to show love to them? The way you prove you are patient with others is by showing love to them when they really hurt you. Always remember that your patience with others will save somebody and make somebody grow.

Patience is a test of character. There is a level of greatness only patience can get you to. If you cannot bear with the weaknesses of others, you may not end up in real greatness. Those who show love to others in spite of whatever they do are the ones that really show the nature of God.

Greatness is demonstrated by your response to wrong treatments from others. God cannot make you greater beyond your ability to bear with the weaknesses of others. Those who show love to others in spite of how others treated them will end up becoming the greatest in their sphere of influence.



About the Author

Niyi Makinde is a leadership expert, quotient coach, consultant, author and a Christian minister with an apostolic calling.

His passion is to raise Christian ministers and leaders like himself, as well as to help organisations and businesses maximize their potentials. Apostle Niyi Makinde has been in Christian ministry for over fifteen years. He is the President of Rebirth Global Church, a network of churches across the globe on a mission to empower believers to fulfill their God-given tasks on earth.

He is an apostolic oversight and covering for many other ministries, networks and churches.

Also by Niyi Makinde

Apostle Niyi Makinde as an Author has written several insightful and powerful books, among which are:

1. Divine Instructions
2. 12 Laws of Divine Instructions
3. Breaking Life Code
4. Revolutionary Apostle
5. Power to Prosper
6. Power to Become
7. 53 Laws of Excellence
8. Church Shift
9. Business Sense
10. Dealing With Human Enemies
11. Wisdom For All Round
12. Wisdom Power
13. Prayer Force Volume 1
14. Multiply
15. Tithing
16. You are Different
17. Phronesis For Dating
18. Dating, Marriage and Sex
19. Managing Divine People
20. Power to Get Wealth
21. Spiritual Fatherhood
22. Managing Divine People
23. Understanding Honor
24. Flourish And Grow Volume 1
25. Faith Dimension Volume 1
26. Ministry Laws Volume 1

27. Secrets to Supernatural (Financial) Abundance
28. Running Like the Deer
29. Prayer Force volume 2
30. Making Things Happen
31. You are a Seer
32. 79 Insights Into Favor
33. New Creation
34. Prayer Education
35. 20 Facts about Human spirit
36. Supernatural Visions
37. Understanding Church System
38. 11 Facts about Human mind
39. The Holy Spirit
40. Dominion in the realm of Abundance
41. Soul Winning Manual
42. Maintaining Sound Health
43. Faith for Abundance
44. New Levels
45. Wisdom for Abundance
46. The Power of Meditation
47. Understanding Supernatural Dreams
48. Stop Multiplying in Affliction
49. Communication Ethics in Ministry
50. Ministry Ethics (Volume 1)
51. Warfare for Honor
52. Wave of Increase
53. Praise for Favor
54. Ministers' Training Manual
55. Breaking Joy Code
56. The Power of His Name
57. You are a wonder

58. Roar and Soar
59. The Minister and the Ministry
60. Grace Factor
61. Subdue and Dominate
62. Flourish and Grow (volume 2)
63. Overtake
64. Victory over Afflictions
65. The Power of Patience
66. Stand out to Step out
67. Shining like the Sun
68. 30 Channels of Wealth
69. Breaking into Laughter
70. The Power to Dominate
71. Enjoying Health
72. Stronger than the stronger
73. Battle for Wealth
74. Wealth Transfer
75. Maximum Protection
76. The Power to be on Time
77. Power Activators
78. Essence of Obedience
79. The Power of words
80. Planting a branch Church
81. Dimensions of Power
82. Your Reality Today (Yoreto)