

## **Become the Answer to Someone Else's Prayer**

Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1 (NLT)

### **Key Indicators That Demonstrate Our Growth Into Christian Maturity:**

- We bring sin and habits under control to the new life in Christ.
- We begin to find the will of God and His purpose for our lives.
- Our lives come to order in the social, relational aspects.
- We become more positive, faith filled people as we build our lives on God's word.

As this transition occurs, we become less and less “high maintenance Christians”, graduating to be stewards and ministers of the purposes of God.

### **Self Test**

Am I:

- High maintenance and have high expectation of the church and leaders **OR**
- Low maintenance with low expectation of the church and my leaders

### **This Is How It Looks So Often In Church Life:**

High Maintenance = Low Contribution

Low Maintenance = High Contribution

There are many signs and evidences of Christian maturity like the above, but I want to focus on one.

This is a key point of breakthrough in many believers' lives:

**“When I become the answer to Someone Else’s Prayer”**

The model church in Macedonia became that (See 2 Corinthians 8)

- Many trials and troubles and very poor.
- Yet full of joy and rich generosity.
- They begged Paul for the opportunity to give to others' needs.
- Far more than they could afford.
- They gave themselves in relationship to God and to Paul.

**Think about this:** Most times when God comes to our rescue, He does it through other people! God's intervention and blessings in our lives almost always come through other people - People who are blessed, open and available to God, to be a channel of His love, mercy and provision.

When you become the answer to others' prayers, you are:

- A **predominant giver**, rather than a predominant receiver.
- You live more from Seed, rather than in need.
- You live in a state or environment of blessing, rather than a state of need.
- You have a **mentality of blessing**, rather than a mentality of miracles only.

### **3 Practical Keys to Become the Answer to other People's Prayers**

#### **1. Report for duty, Switch on!**

- When you are in the service of God as a mature, blessed person, you need to be available to God, to be directed by Him to meet the needs of others and bring them into freedom.
- Romans 7 - be led of the Spirit! Be sensitive and open to people around you and start to listen to God's voice and respond to the still small voice of direction and purpose within.

#### **2. Be an Initiator of God's plans and purposes**

- God is attracted to movement, momentum, and people of action who take the Power within, the resources of Heaven and initiate activity to expand the Kingdom and change the world around them.
- God breathes into us Grace, Capacity, Anointing, Creativity. Our action, our forward movement is

the catalyst that triggers the flow and the miraculous power of God into others' lives.

- Many people are waiting for God to say Go, when He has already told us to go into all the world. We should rather be going until He says Stop.
- ***“People are waiting on the other side of your obedience.”***

### **3. Practice Intentional Giving and Generosity**

- You cannot be a blessing and the answer to other people's prayers if you first yourself are not living in blessing.
- If you are a “hoping-for-money-in-the-mail” kind of Christian – “Now I'm a Christian, I can have an easy freebie lifestyle”, rather than a diligent sower and reaper.
- IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE THE ANSWER TO OTHERS PRAYERS IF YOU ARE LOCKED UP ABOUT GIVING!  
John 3:16
- Most believers don't have default generosity. So we must train ourselves and learn to be naturally giving and people full of generosity.