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(from James Stacey: scriptural advice and insight on how to be set free from schizophrenia)

BECOMING DESPERATE IN PRAYER TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 18

Key Verses: 1-8, The Parable of the Persistent Widow: Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

The kind of prayer that is desperate springs out of persevering faith. The outlet for your desperation as a Christian schizophrenic is found in a constant petitioning to God to possess more of his power to defeat the demonic presence in your life. This is the desired goal of your praying. Every effort is directed to this end. You believe that Christ will set you free – so you press on unswervingly in faith to pray the spiritually dark force out of your life knowing that your freedom WILL COME.

You have determined to continue praying in the power of the Holy Spirit until God equips you with the power to cause the schizophrenic intruder to yield. You must give God time to answer as you realise he will empower you and grant your prayer ... but don't give up praying before the answer arrives. Prayer warrior Wesley Duewel says: "Undelivered prayers help no one. Without the dynamic of persistence much prayer remains unanswered."

Every Christian schizophrenic will walk out of his/her prison house when they are equipped as soldiers of Christ with their heavenly armour on!! Jesus still has TODAY the greatest freedom in life to both offer you and fight for you!! It can be yours even though the demon of schizophrenia has got to be radically exorcised. You are on the side of One who will empower you to break free into his freedom. Seek Christ's power of victory from this moment on to deliver yourself.

Let us concentrate today just on one area where persevering faith will gain a major victory in your fight to become free – that of overcoming the enemy of passivity and defeating its negative stranglehold in moving forward to take your freedom by force. The presence of a passive spirit in your life makes you like a helpless soldier in combat always found fighting from the floor. You must arise as living, active, conscious faith thrusts your whole being into action.

Christians without schizophrenia have to fight passivity - but much more so the Christian schizophrenic. And it's usually a passivity induced by taking a heavy regime of drugs. **(See article: "How Taking Palliative Drugs Inflicted Damage on My Mind" in the What Is PUSH section).** A Christian schizophrenic has got enough on his plate defeating the personalities of demons that have invaded his life without having one hand tied behind his back through the lethargy of drugs stupifying his fighting spirit!!

Deliverance minister, Ida Mae Hammond said: "I greatly admire schizophrenics who fight through to victory. I admire these victories above all other deliverances. The Schizophrenia deliverance is the deepest, most involved and most determined deliverance we have encountered." It seems at times an impossible bondage to come out of and a forever uphill struggle showing very slow progress. But praise God, recapturing of freedom and breaking all the bondage schizophrenia ensnared around your life CAN BE SHATTERED once and for all!!

Think for a moment that the Lord Jesus has won the day for you. You can't fail to come through because He is the One leading you out. Remember, He has prevailed for YOU!! To prevail means to be victorious, to obtain the mastery. It enables you to conquer, to defeat the enemy hands down. Well, that's just what Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah did for you and me. The Devil who is harassing you HAS BEEN DEFEATED and WILL BE DEFEATED in your life. So rise up in faith – no matter how difficult it may seem to be – and take ownership of your life with Jesus at the helm. You can't fail. Jesus has secured your victory!!

The passivity that at this moment is wrapped around your mind will go. The act of praying which you may feel difficult to perform right now will become easier. As God sees you seeking him, He will move quickly to assist. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you". He's waiting for you to draw near to him. He sees your

every advance to stir yourself in faith and prayer. As he does, he moves faster than grease lightning to bolster your efforts, to strengthen every move you make and prop you up with Divine aid and power. The faster and more often you move towards him, the more He races to your side.

Today, as in the days of his flesh, Jesus asks you as he often did those who came to him for help: "What is it that you want me to do for you?" Tell him what you want. Unburdened yourself. Make your request plain. If it's: "Lord, I want my life back. Come and enable me to defeat this demonic bondage that has taken over my life. Breathe your power into me that I become strong in you and am able to drive it out. You prevail in me over this work of the devil and in your triumph be glorified and make my life ALL that you want it to be." He will do it for you. Make no mistake.

The Weekly Encourager 21st February - The kind of Specific Praying that Unseats the Demon of Schizophrenia: 28th February – Does Every Christian Schizophrenic Need a Deliverance Minister?

You too can know the help and strength that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. If you have already received him, then keep in touch with him every day through regular prayer and bible study. By so doing, you will begin to discern his voice a lot clearer, and as sharing your life with Christ grows there will come inner and silent strength to overcome every other voice that may trouble you.

If you have never received Jesus Christ into your life, then why not do it RIGHT NOW, as we guide you in a prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ I approach you knowing I am separated from you by sin. I know I have also sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done and there are so many sinful things I have done. I believe that you died on the Cross in my place that I might be brought back to God the Father and know forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. I now ask you to come into my life and cancel out the sin that separates from you. Come in and cleanse me through the power of your blood. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Holy Spirit to defeat the evil of schizophrenia which troubles me and bring me right through into the glorious freedom of your kingdom. I ask this, giving you thanks, in your Name. Amen

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the very first time; or perhaps you've stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia which has just dawned on your life; or maybe you've been looking at W.E. every week for encouragement to help you deal with this "monster" of mental illnesses and have already gained HOPE that the Lord Jesus Christ is the One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all.

We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice and help as we continue to point to the One who is well-tried and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no one else can conquer. www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world to die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem 2,000 years. In that great sacrifice, He paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine by dying for us and on the third day rose from the dead as "The Resurrection and the Life". He released the power of the Holy Spirit into the life of every believer accepting his sacrifice. A life-transforming experience that you too can know!!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans Chapter 15 verse 13



**"I will proclaim your mighty acts,
O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16**