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Habakkuk 2:3 says,

For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

We have to be convinced that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we can ask or think. Otherwise, we won't wait for Him to do what only He can do.

My friend Randy Peck from Culpeper, Virginia has constantly reminded me that all of us are in too great a hurry. He has urged me to invest more time in my quiet time with the Lord, rather than increasing the length of my work day. Randy has influenced me a great deal. I remember how when I first started in the ministry, I didn't have much to do so I spent considerable time with the Lord. Now, here I am fifteen years later helping 30 groups of leaders to bring transformation to their cities, and I am working harder and faster than ever before to handle all of the details.

During my quiet time with the Lord the week before I wrote this message, I was led to Proverbs 11:28 (TLB),

Trust in your money and down you go! Trust in God and flourish as a tree!

The essence of this Scripture is that if I trust in my own resources I will not succeed. However, if I trust in the Lord I will experience success.

PRAYER POWER

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that you would give us the patience to wait for the vision that you have given us to manifest in our midst. Lord, I also ask that those reading this devotional will consciously slow down the pace of their lives recognizing that it is by your Spirit and your grace that we will experience success. Please eradicate anxiety from our lives. I pray that each will develop a daily quiet time with you. Lord, I pray that each one will explore the use of a 365 Day Bible as a basis for studying your word each day. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessings to see God do exceeding abundantly in your life!