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# INTRODUCTION

The secrets contained in this book are for those who are tired of prayers as usual and desire to see God's supernatural power released for breakthrough. Because you are reading these words, I know that God wants to take your prayers to new heights, realms and possibilities.

I have divided this book into two sections. Part 1 contains inspirational teaching on ten biblical prayer secrets that will revolutionize your connection to God and your prayer life. The theme of each prayer secret in part 1 continues in part 2, which contains thirty days of questions for reflection or journaling, Scripture for additional study, powerful prayer declarations and daily activations for personal prayer growth in your life. You may want to read the book in order from start to finish, or consider reading a chapter from part 1 and then turning to the three devotionals in part 2 that correspond to that specific prayer secret. I know this book will make a profound difference in the way you approach God in prayer and the results you see when you pray.

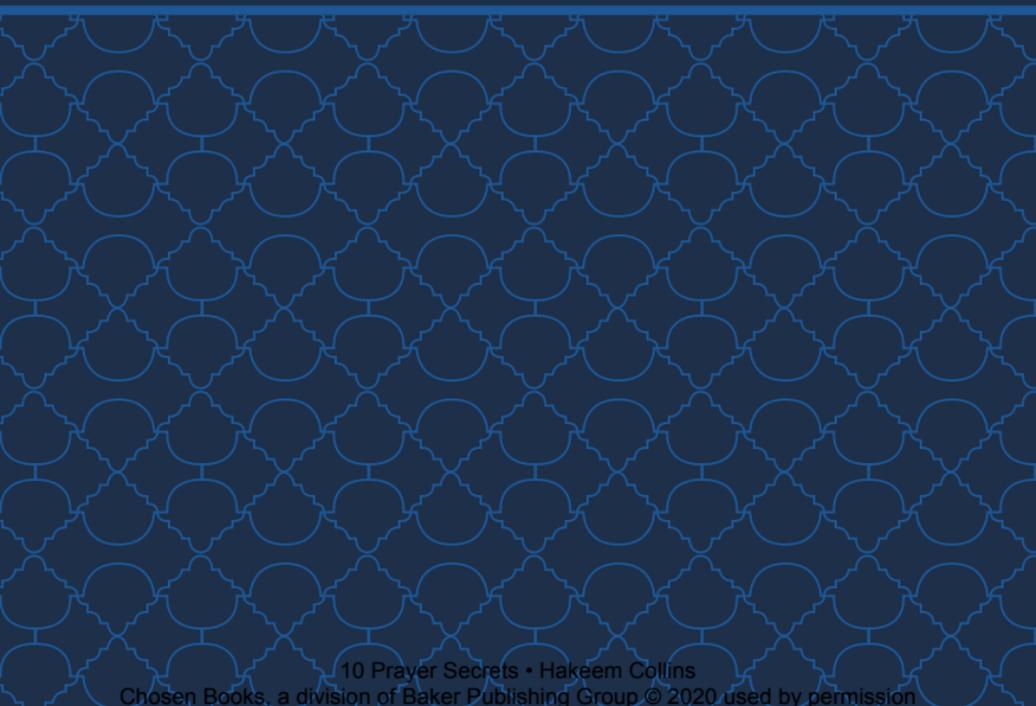
Get ready to explore ten prayer secrets that are hope-filled, practical and biblical to bring you to a place of personal breakthrough. Prayer is not a boring recitation of words but supernatural communication with the God of miracles! God bless you as you hear the Word and put it into practice. Your breakthrough is on the way.

DR. HAKEEM COLLINS



— PART 1 —

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## SECRET 1

# DISCOVER YOUR PASSION

God places His heart in ours, and that God-given passion can serve as fuel for prayer.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

COLOSSIANS 3:23 ESV

Imagine having an eight-year-old son who, like most little boys, loves playing with cars and trucks. He envisions becoming a NASCAR winner one day. What are you likely to buy him for his birthday or Christmas? Will you get him a hammer and nails because you want him to grow up to be a carpenter? I would imagine not. As a parent you would give him what he is passionate about. What he loves and enjoys the most.

What father or mother would say, “Son, here’s a toolbox because I want you to develop a passion to be a mechanic”? Your role as a parent is not to extinguish his dreams, aspirations and purpose in

life but to empower him to distinguish for himself what he wants to become and to pursue it passionately.

Do you recall your childhood dreams and what you wanted to be when you grew up? I wanted to be a lawyer or a judge. We all dreamed about becoming something special in life, whether it was a doctor, nurse, artist, entrepreneur, author, athlete or maybe a mother or father with a beautiful family. But then life happened. Some of us were told our dreams were unrealistic or not practical. Imagine yourself as that eight-year-old child being told, “Be realistic with your dreams. It’s impossible to become a NASCAR winner.”

### GOD’S PREDESTINED PLANS

Maybe as that eight-year-old you thought you heard the voice of God talking to you in the still of the night—calling you to a particular kind of life or a unique occupation. So, what happened? Along the way, for most of us, in our attempts to be realistic, practical and responsible adults, we grew out of touch with our creative, innovative side to dream wildly. Ultimately, we gave up on our commitment to translate our God-given dreams into purpose-driven reality.

It does not need to be that way. All of us, no matter how old we are or what kind of profession we occupy, can learn to bring that authentic, unique, childlike creativity forth in prayer.

Each one of us has a purpose given by God and revealed to us in prayer. God says it this way: “I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for” (Jeremiah 29:11 MESSAGE). The Bible also says that “we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that

we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us . . . that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]" (Ephesians 2:10 AMPC).

God gives each one of us gifts, talents, abilities and a divine purpose; He wants us to fulfill what we were created for. He wants us to discover or rediscover the good works He has for us to do. This is why heartfelt prayer is vital to unlocking our hidden potential and the passion that drives it. Prayer comes alive and becomes a place where dreams are revealed and take shape. Every purpose needs passion to fuel it.

If you are to fulfill your God-given dreams, you must start by asking the right questions. Rather than focus on all the things you want when you pray, consider seeking what He desires for you. As you begin to discover His clear purpose for your life, you will find yourself pursuing it eagerly. You will gain wisdom from the Holy Spirit to fulfill the future He has promised you (see Proverbs 19:21).

Most people are going in circles in life like a dog chasing its tail, getting themselves dizzy and confused about what God has called them to do. Prayer will bring the matters of the heart to the surface. It is, after all, what we hold in our hearts that God is after when we pray! Matthew 6:21 (ESV) declares: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We value only what we hold dear. Never pursue a dream that your heart is not passionate about.

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### PURPOSELY PASSIONATE

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Passion often separates success from failure. One of the most powerful weapons on earth is the believer who discovers her

passion in prayer and uses it to bring her God-given purpose into fruition. The questions that many of us have on our hearts—*What is my purpose in life? What do I really care about?*—are answered in the prayer room where God speaks to us concerning them.

God uses our emotions and longings—those things that move, stir or frustrate us—to get our attention. This is the language of passion, and it helps identify the specific call He is highlighting. Not only do we discover our passion in prayer, but discovering our passion will also help us pray.

God wants us to find a point of passion that sets our prayers on fire. He is not waiting to hear lethargic prayers but rather passionate ones from people whose hearts are set ablaze by something they love . . . or are dissatisfied about. We can accomplish much when we are filled with passion.

Passion is like a candle that burns, and its aroma fills the room. Passion, burning on the inside, can affect everything on the outside. God wants you to locate that one thing that burns in your heart and use it to fuel your prayer life in order to achieve the results you seek. This applies not only to the big picture, such as finding your call in life, but also to prayer concerns you face every day. Suppose, for example, you are praying for someone you love who needs a healing breakthrough. Your prayers, motivated by your passion, will carry the heartfelt burden, consistency and empathy needed to pray earnestly until you see supernatural breakthrough.

God wants us to align our passion with His will, which He puts into our hearts, and then pray until we see results (see Matthew 21:22; 1 John 5:14). I believe prayers are answered when we pray for something that moves, upsets and drives us. God partners with our fiery passion to ignite the change we are praying for.

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**BURDENED WITH PURPOSE**

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Prayer is key to unleashing this kind of passion. As we bring our burdens to prayer, the Lord gives us the plans of action we need as well as the passion to fulfill them. Knowledge is valuable, but passion is invaluable. In our spiritual journeys, prayer is key to activating the inner drive necessary to fulfill our God-given dreams and live blessed and prosperous lives in Christ.

When God speaks to us, His messages burn in our hearts like fire. The prophet Jeremiah experienced this. When he wanted to stop prophesying because his messages from the Lord were ruining his reputation, Jeremiah exclaimed, “If I say I’ll never mention the LORD or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It’s like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in!” (Jeremiah 20:9 NLT). God has this kind of fire for you.

There are three things necessary to start a fire: fuel, oxygen and a spark. The Word of God is our fuel; prayer is our oxygen; and passion is our spark. Jesus prayed passionately and usually found a place of solitude to do so (see Mark 1:35). He prayed all night to choose those who would be with Him in ministry (see Luke 6:12–16). He taught them to pray fervently always (see Luke 18:1).

Likewise, we should pray with passion—as if someone’s life depended on it. Our prayers should create holy discontentment to rise up and act! Supernatural breakthroughs occur in our lives only when prayer and burden collide. As the title of an old gospel song puts it, “It’s Hard to Stumble (When You’re on Your Knees).” God empowers us for our purposes as we kneel before Him. Protect your time with the Father as if your life depended on it—because it really does!

Christian believers can be fervent in spirit (see Romans 12:11) and zealous of good works in all we do (see Titus 2:14), no matter how frigid our spiritual atmospheres have become (see Matthew 22:35–40). Jesus was “eaten up” with passion for the Father (John 2:17 NKJV). Apollos was fervent in spirit when he spoke and taught things of the Lord (see Acts 18:25). The Corinthian believers’ fervency and enthusiasm provoked others to good works (see 2 Corinthians 9:2). *Fervent* (*zeō*) means “to boil with heat” (Strong’s G2204), which is a good picture of how the fire of our passion can affect our surroundings.

### THE REASON FOR PRAYER

“Intercession is not a job,” says Alice Smith in *Beyond the Veil* (Chosen, 2010). “It’s a love relationship developed between you and your heavenly Father. Intercession is a stethoscope to the heart of God.” Without passion, prayer becomes stagnant, boring and ineffective. Yet, very few people use the word *passionate* to describe their prayer lives. Instead, many admit to being distracted, bored and frustrated.

Believers fail to experience purposeful prayer lives for one important reason: We misunderstand God’s purpose for prayer. Believers and nonbelievers alike have the misconception that prayer is primarily for gain—a time to inform the Lord of our needs. First Peter 2:9 reveals to us that all Christians are called to be of a “royal priesthood.” As spiritual priests, therefore, we are called to a life of intercession. If we desire to have a more purposeful prayer life, we must understand that the Lord’s reason for giving us prayer goes beyond petitioning Him for our daily personal needs. It encompasses a divine call to become passionate prayer partners with God to establish His will on earth.

## DRIVEN TO FULFILL YOUR PASSION

Nehemiah is known primarily for the rebuilding of Jerusalem (see Nehemiah 1:1–11). As cupbearer to a foreign king, Nehemiah was in a position of authority. One day when his brother and some other men were newly arrived from Jerusalem, Nehemiah asked them about the beloved city and the remnant who had survived the exile.

He learned that Jerusalem's wall had crumbled, the gates had been burned and the citizens were in great distress. Upon hearing the news, he mourned, prayed and fasted before God. Then, displaying great courage, he asked the king to allow him to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. Remarkably, Nehemiah harnessed his passion in prayer, letting it drive him as he led the people to reconstruct the massive wall in just 52 days, which restored the city's honor and strength.

Passion is created when a believer embraces a specific burden. Effective leaders always respond with action to the burdens they carry. When Nehemiah asked about the Jews who had survived and now lived back in the province, we see clearly his passion for the people and their spiritual livelihood. Through prayer and fasting Nehemiah moved from a position of being overwhelmed by a problem to passionately developing a solution.

As followers of Jesus—a people of prayer called to love—we should carry our burdens passionately and express them openly. Our passion should be the fuel that motivates us to bring change, not only for us but also for those we are called to serve.

Your prayer life will take on new purpose and power as you partner with God for the things that are on His heart. As you embrace your passion fully to do what God has called you to do, He will bring increase, favor, blessings, wisdom and breakthrough.

Discover your passion in prayer, knowing that it is “God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight” (Philippians 2:13 AMPC).

*If you wish, you may turn at this point to part 2, “30 Days of Prayer for Breakthrough,” and proceed with Days 1–3. Upon completion you would then return to Secret 2, “Anticipate Your Breakthrough,” and follow the directions given for further days of prayer. Or, for a different approach to this book, you might prefer to read all ten secrets first and then enter a thirty-day prayer focus using one devotional for each day.*