



Acts 12:12-15 NIV

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15 "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."



Acts 12:16-17 NIV

16 But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

17 Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. “Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this,” he said, and then he left for another place.



Psalm 37:4 NIV

Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.



Matthew 7:7-10 NIV

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?



Acts 12:5 NIV

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.



Acts 12:11 NIV

Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”



I. Recognize The Answer To Your Prayer



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Previous Scripture: Acts 12:11;

Acts 12:5; Matthew 7:7-10



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Ephesians 3:20 NIV

Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at
work within us,



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Acts 10:44-46 NIV

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Previous Scripture: Ephesians 3:20;

Acts 12:12-14; Acts 12:11



II. Don't Explain Away The Answer Acts 12:15 NIV



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II. Don't Explain Away The Answer Mark 9:24 NIV



Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"



II. Don't Explain Away The Answer



James 1:6-8 NIV

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Previous Scripture: Mark 9:24;

Acts 12:15; Acts 10:44-46



II. Don't Explain Away The Answer Isaiah 55:8 NIV



“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.



III. Give A Praise Report



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Previous Scripture: Isaiah 55:8;

James 1:6-8; Mark 9:24



III. Give A Praise Report



Ephesians 6:18 NIV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Previous Scripture: Acts 12:16-17;

Isaiah 55:8; James 1:6-8



III. Give A Praise Report



Psalm 116:1-2 NIV

1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

2 Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.