

More Effective in Prayer Sunday 09-06-2020 Handout (10-6-2019)

James 5:16-18 (NKJV) Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. {17} Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. {18} And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Quotes: Adrian Rodgers- There is no problem that cannot be solved by prayer. There are no problems too big to solve, just people too small to solve them.

John Bunyan wrote in "Pilgrim's Progress" that "prayer will make a man cease from sin, and sin will entice a man to cease from prayer."

I We should Pray

- . **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** (NKJV) Rejoice always, {17} pray without ceasing, {18} in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- . **Philippians 4:6-7** (NKJV) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; {7} and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- . **1 Peter 5:7** (NKJV) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

II Prayer Basics

- . **Types of Prayer:** Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:1-4, Jude 1:20, Ps 100-4,
 - . 1) Intercession 2) Personal needs 3) Praise 4) Thanksgiving
 - . 5) Deliverance 6) Repentance 7) In the Spirit (might be any of the above)
- . **When & Where to Pray:**
 - . 1) Early - Mark 1:35 2) Alone - Mat. 14:23 3) Daily - Luke 11:3
- . **With a good Attitude:**
 - . 1) With forgiveness - Mark 11:25 2) With knowledge - 1 Peter 3:7
 - . 3) With Humility - Luke 18:10-14 4) With thanks & praise

III Seeing the results & Asking for Instruction

- . When we are convinced of the power in prayer ...Then we will ask "Lord teach us to pray"
- . **Matthew 6:9-15** (NKJV) "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. {10} Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- . {11} Give us this day our daily bread.
- . {12} And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
- . {13} And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
- . {14} "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. {15} "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

IV Praying and Believing (God's promises are obtained by faith)

- . **Mark 11:24** (NKJV) "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

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V Prayers not answered; Why?

- **Isaiah 59:1-2** (NKJV) Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. {2} But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.
- **James 4:3** (NKJV) You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.
- **Psalms 24:3-4** (NKJV) Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? {4} He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.
- **John 15:7** (NKJV) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- **1 John 5:14-15** (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. {15} And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- **Matthew 18:19-20** (NKJV) "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. {20} "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- **Matthew 26:39** (NKJV) He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

VI Called to persevere

- **Luke 11:5-10** (NKJV) And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; {6} 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; {7} "and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? {8} "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. {9} "And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. {10} "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

VII Called to Trust

- **Psalms 55:22** (NKJV) Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
- **Psalms 84:11-12** (NKJV) For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. {12} O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

VIII Jesus Said

- **Luke 11:9-10** (NKJV) "And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. {10} "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.