

Effective Prayer

Passionate prayer. Proven results.

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The Master Principle

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." — James 5:16

Talking Points:

- **Effectual & Fervent:** Prayer must be passionate and focused.
- **Availeth Much:** It produces tremendous power, dynamic in its working.
- **The Result:** God designed prayer to change circumstances.



The Three Pillars of Results



Ask in Faith

"But let him ask in faith,
nothing wavering."

(James 1:6)

**Doubt is the thief of
results.**



According to Will

"If we ask any thing
according to his will, he
heareth us." (1 John 5:14)

The Word is His Will.



Persistence

"Pray without ceasing." (1
Thessalonians 5:17)

**Stay until the answer
manifests.**

Case Study I

Elijah: The Prophet of Rain

Fervency & Faith

*"Elias... prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not... And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain."
(James 5:17-18)*

Simplified Points:

1. Elijah put his face between his knees—total focus on God.
2. He sent his servant seven times—absolute persistence.
3. He looked for a sign, even one as small as a man's hand.



Lessons from the Carmel Cloud



Hear First

Elijah heard the "sound of abundance of rain" before he saw a drop.



Expect a Sign

He didn't stop until the servant saw the cloud. Don't quit at prayer six!



Total Victory

The 3.5-year drought ended. Prayer results are tangible and visible.

Case Study II

The Early Church: Breaking
Chains

United Intercession



"Prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." (Acts 12:5)

Simplified Points:

- Unity: They prayed together as one body.
- Persistence: They prayed through the night.
- Power: Angelic intervention occurred because of intercession.

When Results Strike



Chains Fall: Prayer bypasses physical limitations. Acts 12:7 says "his chains fell off from his hands."



Gates Open: The "iron gate" opened of its own accord. Prayer creates an open door where men see a wall.



Freedom Manifests: Peter was delivered from the hand of Herod. Prayer results in divine rescue.

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"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask
in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

— MATTHEW 21:22 (KJV)

Removing the Hindrances



Wrong Motives

"Ye ask, and receive not,
because ye ask amiss."

(James 4:3)



Unforgiveness

"If ye do not forgive...
neither will your Father...
forgive your trespasses."

(Mark 11:26)



Doubt

"For he that wavereth is
like a wave of the sea... let
not that man think that
he shall receive." (James

1:6-7)



Questions & Reflection

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Matthew 7:7 (KJV)

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