

THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL PRAYER

James 5:16-18

1. The kinds of prayer which are _____ successful

Job 27:8-9 For what hope have the godless when they are cut off, when God takes away their life? Does God listen to their cry when distress comes upon them?

Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you,

so that he will not hear."

Luke 18:11-12 "The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

(A) A prayer with _____

James 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. and how often we pray selfishly!

(B) A prayer with _____

Psalms 66:18

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;"

- We need to _____ Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

- We need to _____ 1 John 1:9 "9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'

(C) A prayer from an _____

Mark 11:25 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Is this a possible reason why our prayers for the conversion of our loved ones are not being answered?

(D) A prayer from a nasty _____

1 Peter 3:7

"7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

2. Results of a prayer that is _____

(verses 17-18) 17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

(A) Through prayer God's servants are _____ to speak His word.

1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

- If we want power in the _____
 - If we want power in the _____
 - If we want power in _____ places
- We must pray in _____ places
Without the prayer in _____
There would be no power at _____

(B) Through prayer God's servants _____ for all their needs.

1 kings 17:2-5 2 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: 3 "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." 5 So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there.

6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

(C) Through prayer God's servants _____ His miracle-working _____.

1 Kings 17:17-24 17 Sometime later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" 19 "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" 21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, "Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" 22 The Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. 23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.

3.) The _____ of _____ prayer

James 5:16

16 "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

- (A) Prayer that is successful must be _____ and _____
- (B) Prayer that is successful is worked in by the _____
- (C) Prayer that is successful must be offered by a righteous man

The first prayer God hears is the prayer of a repentant sinner.

No _____ - No _____

John 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."