

LIVING FAITH – The Book of JAMES Part 10

Effective Prayer

The fruit of a _____ Christian life is a purposeful, consistent, powerful _____.

- * According to James, the prayers of the righteous are _____ (James 5:16b).
- * Our _____ should be set by Jer 33:3, John 14:13-14, 1 John 5:14-15

3 PREMISES / PARAMETERS

1. "If God _____ it, we _____ it & that _____ it."
 - * The _____ is the _____ of prayer's _____.
 - * We pray knowing God has tied His _____ to His _____.
 - * The _____ of God must be our _____.
 - * Prayer becomes powerful when it is established on _____.
2. If God _____ it, He intends to _____ it
 - * Gen 1:1-3 → God the Father _____ the Word, Jesus Christ _____ the Word made flesh, the Holy Spirit is hovering above the waters, waiting to _____ the Word (Isa 55:10,11, Jer 1:12).
3. If God has done it _____, He can do it _____
 - * We do not pray in _____, in a _____.
 - There is _____.
 - * The power of open and close the heavens was not in the force of Elijah's _____, but in the _____ of God.

The GOOD NEWS: You can have a Dynamic, Powerful Prayer Life

1. Focus on what _____, not what you _____
 - * When believers begin to focus on _____ promises, faithfulness & capacity, rather than _____, they begin to pray differently (Mark 10:27, Rom 4:18).
 - * The danger: Reducing God's _____ to the _____ of our own.
 - * What's the power? _____ (Heb 4:12, John 6:63, Jer 23:29)
 - * Who's the dunamis? _____ (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 2:4-5)
 - * Ineffective prayer is _____.
 - * Effective prayer is _____-based, _____-releasing, _____-inspired.
2. Speak _____ your mountain, rather than _____ your mountain
 - * Ineffective prayer spends all its time _____ at God, telling Him _____ its problems are & feeling _____ for itself.
 - * The danger: That _____ the problem until it seems _____ than God.
 - * The prayer of faith doesn't _____ or _____.
 - It speaks _____ the mountain, telling it _____ to do & _____ to go (Matt 17:20, 21:21).
 - * e.g. Jesus simply _____ the wind & waves to ' _____!' (Mark 4:35-41)
 - * We can pray with a _____ rooted in the _____ of God, an _____ that flows from _____ in Him and a _____ anchored in His _____.