

Powerful and Effectual Prayer

Powerful and effectual prayer:

1. Distinguishes us from the world.
2. Carries purposeful activity and healing miracles.

James 5:13-16 - *Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. 14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore **confess your sins to each other** and **pray for each other** so that **you may be healed**. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.* NIV

1. It begins with a revelation of Jesus.

Acts 2:22 - *"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.* NIV

What are the traits of Jesus' humanity?

- He had no sin to separate him from the Father.
- He was completely dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit working through him.

What are the traits of our humanity?

- We are sinners cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Nothing now separates us from the Father.

1. HOW DEPENDENT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE WE WILLING TO LIVE?

GOD'S INTENSIONS

2. We Must Learn To Be Carriers Of The Power Of God!

Matt 13:54-58 - *Coming to his hometown, he began **teaching the people** in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this **wisdom** and these **miraculous powers**?" they asked. 55 "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 58 And **he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.*** NIV

3. The Lack Of Miracles In The Church Isn't Because It's Not God's Will.

Eph 3:20 - *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,* NIV

4. Revelation Starts With Who We Identity With And Divine Purpose.

5. Embracing A Belief System That Requires No Faith Is Dangerous.

If not careful, we become more convinced of:

- Our unworthiness than we are His worth...
- Our inability, than His ability.

Luke 6:12-13, 17-19 - *One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles... 17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.* NIV

6. The Byproduct Of Spending Time With God In Prayer Is The Releasing Of Demonstration Of Power.

2 Cor 4:18 - *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* NIV

“If you don’t change the way you perceive things, you’ll live your whole life thinking that what you see in the natural is the superior reality.”