





My husband got tired of one of the washing machines that was just not working properly and decided to take it apart



**Prayer
That
Works**

James 5:13-18

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:13-18 - continued

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

When Should We Pray

A. When afflicted (v 13)

B. When sick (v 14)

C. For spiritual healing (vv 15-16)

1. Within yourself

2. With others

D. For God's will to be done (vv 17-18)

Elijah had the same drives as we do

When Should We Pray

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

I. "The"

No Prayer = No Answer

Luke 11:9-10

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

II. Effectual

Have An Effect (Targeted)

Exodus 15:24-25

**24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying,
What shall we drink?**

**25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed
him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the
waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute
and an ordinance, and there he proved them,**

Gideon – Asked who would go with him (Judges 6:39-40)

Hannah – Asked for a child (1 Samuel 1:27)

Solomon – Asked for wisdom (2 Chronicles 1:11)

Early church – Prayed for boldness and power (Acts 4:31)

III. Fervent

Not superficial or pious

Luke 18:9-14

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

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Not superficial or pious

Luke 18:9-14 - continued

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

IV. From A Righteous Person

For Prayer to Be Heard

Proverbs 15:29

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Psalm 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Proverbs 28:9

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

V. Avaieth Much

To Be Able (Gets Answered)

John 14:12-14

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Proverbs 15:8

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Are
Your Prayers
Working?