

The Transformed Life: The Prayer-Filled Life (Part 3)

I. PRAYER IS COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

III. COMMUNICATING FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYER

A. The Emphasis & Encouragement to Pray (Jer. 33:3; Is. 65:24; Mt 7:7)

B. The Accomplishment of Effective Prayer (James 5:16b)

1. God Makes Prayer Effective through His Sovereign _____

a. God _____ when His People Pray.
(1 Samuel 1:10-17; 1 Kings 18:36-38; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; **James 1:5-8**)

b. Effective fervent prayer to God _____ things.
(Joshua 10:12; Ex. 17:8-13; **Acts 12:5-6**; Col. 4:2; Philemon 1:22)

c. Effective fervent Prayer to God Changes _____.

1) He can change _____ .
(**Luke 22:31-33**; **2Cor. 1:8-11**; Eph. 3:14-19, 6:18-10;
Phil. 1:19; **Col. 4:12**; James 5:15-16)

2) He can change _____ .
(**Matthew 26:41**; **Phil. 4:6-7**; **1John 1:9**)

2. Keys to Effective Prayer

a. Walking in _____ with God.
(**Ps. 37:4**, **66:18**; **Prov. 28:9**; **John 13:1-17**, **15:7**; 1John 1:3-10)

b. Pray as _____ as possible!

c. Praying in Faith _____ God will answer (**Matt. 21:22**; Mk. 11:24;
Heb. 11:6; **James 1:5-8**, **5:15**)

d. Praying according to God's _____ (**1John 3:22, 5:14-15**)

3. Hindrances to effective prayer

a. The _____ to pray at all; or _____ in prayer (Luke 18:1; James 4:2)

b. _____ in praying (James 4:3)

c. Praying with _____ (Matt. 6:7)

d. _____ in personal relationships hinder prayer (**Mark 11:25-26; 1Peter 3:7**)

e. _____ or _____ in ones life (**Mt 6:5-6; Luke 18:9-14; James 4:6 & 8; 1Pet. 3:12**)

- What does God's word say about the posture of effective prayer?

4. Reasons and Motives for Effective Prayer

a. God Commands You to Pray (1Sam. 12:23; Jer. 33:3; Matt. 7:6-7; 1Thess. 5:17)

b. God's Character Encourages Prayer (Character of God; His Ability; His Promises to answer prayer; from Gen. – Rev.)

c. Your Human Insufficiency requires prayer (John 15:5; 2Cor. 3:5-6; Gal. 6:3)

d. The Spiritual Conflict around us begs prayer (Eph. 6:10-19)

e. That would God be _____ (**John 14:13; 15:7-8; 17:5; Rom. 15:6**)

5. Some Specific Requests Concerning Effective Prayer