

"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESSFUL PRAYING"

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Ephesians 2:6 (TEV): *"In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him /0 rule with him in the heavenly world."*

KEYS TO AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE

For my prayers to be effective ...

1. I must accept my responsibility as a Priest in God's Kingdom

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV): *'But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;'*

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2. They must be Empowered By the Holy Spirit

I Corinthians 2:9-10 (NKJV): *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard. Nor have entered into the heart of man. The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God"*

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3. Holy Spirit and God's Word must work together as one in my prayer.

James 5: 16b-18 (NKJV): *"The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain: and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again. and the heaven gave rain. and the earth produced its fruit."*

Deuteronomy II: 16-17 (NIV): *"Be careful, or You will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the LORD's anger will burn against You, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain, and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you."*

1 Kings 8:35-36 (TLB): *"And when the skies are shut up and there is no rain because of their sin. hear them from heaven and forgive them when they pray toward this place and confess your name. And after you have punished them. help them to follow the good ways in which they should walk. and send rain upon the land that you have given your people."*

Psalms 33:6 (GW): *"The heavens were made by the word of the LORD and all the stars by the breath of his mouth"*

Acts 12: 1-3 (NKJV): *"Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John" with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews. he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread."*

Acts 12:4b (NKJV): *" ... intending to bring him before the people after Passover."*

Acts 12:4a (NKJV): *"So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him ... "*

Acts 12:5 (NKJV): *"Peter was therefore kept in prison. but constant [earnest] prayer was offered to God for him by the church,"*

Acts 12:6 (NKJV): *"And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. "*

Acts 12:7 (NKJV): *"Now behold. an angel of the Lord stood by him. and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up. saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chain fell off his hand."*

Acts 12: II (TLB) *Peter finally realized what had happened "It's really true!" he said to himself. "The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jews were hoping to do to me"*

Hebrews 1:14 (NCV): *"All the angels are spirits who serve God and are sent to help those who will receive salvation,"*

Acts 12:21-22 (NCV): *"On a chosen day Herod put on his royal robes. sat on his throne and made a speech to the people. They shouted. "This is the voice of a god, not a human!"*

Acts 12:23 (NCV): *"Because Herod did not give the glory to God, all angel of the Lord immediately caused him to become sick. and he was eaten by worms and died."*

Acts 12:24 (NCV): *"God's message continued to spread and reach people."*

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I John 5:14-15 (NIV): *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will. he hears us. And {{we know that he hears us whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of him,"*