



How to Make Your Prayers Effective

Basics of Prayer

Leader's Sermon Notes

I. God put procedures and safeguard into the prayer system.

- God is not keeping something from you—He is protecting it for you.
 - James 4:2-3, *"You don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure" (NLT).*
 - You have not because you ask not.
 - You ask and don't receive because you ask to put on your lust.

II. There is power in revelation knowledge.

- What is God's Word and God's will in the situation?
- Don't accept anything less than God's will.
 - Friends may try to prepare you for the worst.
 - Friends may speak against God's goodness.
- Boldness of faith is a powerful force.
 - *"I've made up my mind—the doctor does not have the last word."*
- Satan comes to steal the Word of God from your heart.
 - Mark 4:17, *"They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word" (NLT).*
 - Satan wanted to steal the boy's life. That's not God's will.
- Let God teach you ahead of time so you will know how to handle the attack.





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III. Know God's Word so you can do something about the problem.

- Pray always.
 - Luke 18:1, *"Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up" (NLT).*
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17, *"Never stop praying" (NLT).*
- Pray in the mighty Name of Jesus.
- Prayer is available to everyone.
 - Even a sinner can pray a prayer of repentance; then he has the right to pray and expect answers to any prayer that is the will of God.
- The only hindrance is the rebellious refusal to pray.

Quote From Kenneth Copeland

God and His people have a communication channel that's off limits to the devil.

Confession

According to Luke 18:1 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17 I pray all the time. I pray and ask God for what I need and want. I refuse to pray amiss, because I speak Your will in every situation. I know Your will, because I study Your Word and open my heart to Your revelation knowledge.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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