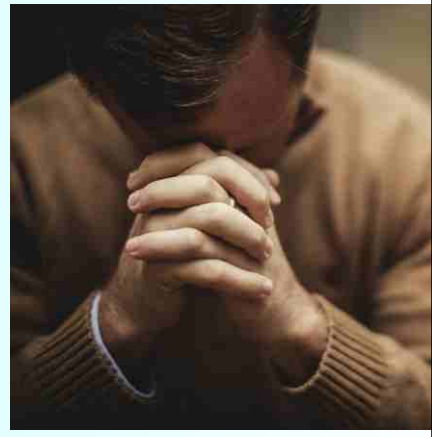




A Comprehensive Teaching on the Power of Prayer

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The Power of Prayer || Text: James 5:17

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1) Introduction

A prayerful man is a powerful man. He who knows and practises rules guiding prayers can get almost everything achieved on earth. When numerous people on earth operate at the natural level, the prayerful man will always operate at the supernatural level. In fact, prayer power can cause the natural laws to bow to you.

Nevertheless, a lot of people pray, because they are conscious of the fact that it is a way of communicating to God, however, some get the efficacy and some do not. What is actually causing this? In this teaching, you will get the true and not just the factual information about prayers. Study the outlines with the associated bible

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verses, you will be richly blessed.

2) What is prayer?

a) Prayer is an act of asking something from a deity – divinity or God.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

b) Prayer is a communication with God.

Exodus 34:34: But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

Job 13:3: Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

c) Prayer is the element that builds up a strong relationship between man and God.

Isaiah 1:18: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

3) What Is Prayer Power?

a) Prayer Power is the ability to relate with God at the supernatural level.

✓ It is not just the observance of religious ordinances.

Matthew 17:1-5: And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, ² And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. ³And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. ⁴Then answered

Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

⁵While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my

beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

b) Prayer Power is the power that can shake the kingdom of darkness.

Acts 4:31: And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

✓ Shaking the kingdom of darkness means troubling their kingdom.

✓ And indeed, you have to trouble the kingdom of darkness around you, otherwise, they will trouble you with poverty, stagnation, frustration, disappointment, sickness etc. But through the power of prayer, you can shake them away from your life.

c) Prayer Power is the power that can lock and unlock heavens.

James 5:17-18: 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.

✓ If you want to understand this passage, imagine the following:

1) Imagine the angels or powers that control

rainfall.

- ii) Imagine natural and supernatural orderliness of rainfall arrangement
 - iii) Take a clue from the geographers.
 - iv) With all, prayer power changed the arrangement.
 - v) Heaven was locked and unlocked through the prayer of prophet Elijah
 - ✓ You can unlock a locked up destiny through prayer power.
- d) Prayer Power can override blockers**

of success.

Joshua 10:12-13: Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

- ✓ Weather or atmosphere is a natural force which cannot be controlled by natural phenomena. The pilots, as expert as they are, always bow to the dictates of weather. At times, weather can stand against your success. It stood against Joshua, but he applied prayer power and it obeyed.
- ✓ He that can control the weather can control the world.

e) Prayer Power is the power that can break a prison house even to the foundation.

Acts 16: 25-26 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. ²⁶ **And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.**

f) Prayer Power is the power that can open all closed doors.

Acts 16: 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and **immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.**

g) Prayer Power is the power that can break chains, shackles, fetters even stocks.

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4) Benefits of Prayer Power

a) It can make you a strong Christian who grows daily through prayerful life.

Acts 2:42: And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

b) It can enable you to walk in the supernatural.

Luke 9: 28-29: And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, **he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.** ²⁸ **And as he prayed, the fashion of his**

countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

c) It can make you unique.

Daniel 1:14 -15: So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. **And at the end of**

ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

d) Prayer power can make you excel.

Daniel 6:3: **Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him;** and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

e) Prayer power can enable you to live bondage free life.

Acts 12:7: And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. **And his chains fell off from his hands.**

- ✓ This happened when Peter was kept in the prison, the church was earnestly praying for him. **Acts 12: 5:** Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

f) Prayer power can guarantee you all-round victory.

Dan 6: 18-26: Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. ¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried with a

lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? ²¹ Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. ²² My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. ²³ Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had

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the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. ²⁵ Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. ²⁶ I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

g) Prayer power can enable you to overcome sin, trial and temptation.

Isaiah 50:7: For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

h) Prayer power can connect you with realms of visions and revelations.

Daniel 2:19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

2 Cor 12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 Cor 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

i) Prayer power can enable you to live in spiritual and physical abundance.

Luke 11:9-10 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.

j) Prayer power can enable you to get all things achieved.

John 11:22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

5) Types of prayers.

a) Congregational Prayers

Acts 4: 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness

b) Personal Prayers.

Luke 6: 12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

c) Group Prayers.

Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

d) Intercessory Prayers

Nehemiah 1:4-6 And it came to pass, when I

heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, ⁵ And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: ⁶ Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

e) Consistent Prayers

Acts 2: 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Eph 6: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints

f) Prayer of Faith

James 5:15 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.

6) The Prayers That God Answered.

a) The prayers of the righteous.

Proverb 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

James 5:16 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.

b) The prayers of pure heart and clean hand.

Psalms 24:4-5 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

c) The prayers Christians that live holy life.

1Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

d) The prayers of the faithful.

1Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. The prayers of the humble.

e) The prayers of merciful or the compassionate.

Psalms 18:25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

f) The prayers of the forgivers.

Genesis 50:17-20 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of

the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. ¹⁸And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. ¹⁹And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? ²⁰But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

g) Prayers in accordance with the promises of God even in the word of God.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

h) Prayers of the upright.

Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: **but the prayer of the upright is his delight.**

i) Prayers of the righteous..

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked: **but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.**

7) The Actual Meaning of Praying Amisss.

a) This is not wrong prayer points, actually, there is no wrong prayer points **John 11:22; John 14:13; John 14:14**

b) This is when you have wrong intentions for a prayer request. For instance: someone who is praying for the power of God in order to be rich.

c) It is the prayer requests purposeful for sinful or fleshy desires.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts

- ✓ A prayer request might be right, but if the motive of it is wrong, it is praying amiss.
- ✓ A prayer point might even seem wrong (either by the way of construction) but if the motives are right, such is not praying amiss.

8) Prayers That God Dishonour or Ignore.

a) The prayers of the unrepentant sinners.

Psalm 1:5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

b) The prayers of the wicked.

Proverbs 15:29 **The LORD is far from the wicked:** but he heareth the prayer of the righteous

c) The prayers of the deceivers.

2Jo 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-christ.

d) The prayer of the proud.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore

he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

d) The demonic prayers.

Jeremiah 44:25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

9) Understanding Demonic Prayers And Avoid Them.

Jeremiah 8:2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the **host of heaven**, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

Jeremiah 19:13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto **all the host of heaven**, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

Daniel 4: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in **the army of heaven**, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Daniel 8: 10 And it waxed great, **even to the host of heaven**; and it cast down some of the host and

of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

- a) Demonic prayers are the prayers which receive backing from the devils or demons – the fallen angels.
- b) This is when you are asked to put the name or picture of someone under a milestone, and you stand on it facing the sun or moon praying evil

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prayers on it, these are demonic prayers.

- c) This is when you naked yourself and begin to send words of spells to someone in the name of prayers, these are demonic prayers.
- d) This is when a group of people gather on the rock or in the bush sending ill-fated words in order to ruin the business of someone, these are demonic prayers.
- e)) This is when you bind an object representing someone by pronouncing negative words into the object expecting the person to fall sick or encounter a tragedy, these are demonic prayers.
- f) This is when you pray even good prayers with accurate bible verses but wishing the very

person you pray for evils, these are demonic prayers.

- g) Demonic prayers might be offered into handkerchiefs, marine oil, and marine water for performing wonders or for money miracles – truly the money would actually come, but it is a demonic way of financial breakthrough which its end would be disastrous and terrible.

10) The Places of Prayers.

The spiritual place of prayers

- a) **A consecrated life.**
- b) **A pure heart** – void of impurity and defilement.
- c) **A sanctified mind** – this enables you to pray in your mind without opening your mouth especially in one man's prayer and God answers.
- d) **Holy mouth** – this is the mouth which is not filled up with cursing and blessing or the mouth full of vulgarism or nonsensical words.

The physical place of prayers

- a) A house of worship – church auditorium.
- b) A room in a building.
- c) A dedicated place which is always sanctified for the purpose.

Note: when a place initially dedicated for prayers is later turned to the altar of demons, spirits, heavenly-

hosts etc. it is no longer a place of prayer anymore. This is common among some of the so-called prayer mountains. Avoid going to such places for prayers.

11) How To Develop Prayerful Life.

1 Corinthians 12: 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 14: 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet

to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy

- a) Desire to receive the Holy Spirit.
- b) Desire to possess the power of the Spirit.
- c) Desire to possess the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- d) Desire to be aggressive for evangelism.
- e) Devout personal time to fast, pray and meditate on the word of God.
- f) Develop private or quiet time for prayers.
- g) Be interested in attending vigils.
- h) Associate yourself with prayerful Christians those whose lives are exemplary in prayer and holiness.

12) The Biblical Prayerful Characters

- a) **Moses was a prayerful man**

Exodus 24:18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and **Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights**

- b) **Joshua was a prayerful man.**

Exodus 24:13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

- c) **Prophet Samuel was a man of prayers.**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

- d) **Prophet Elijah was a notable prayerful man.**

1 Kings 19: 8

- e) **Prophet Elisha was also a very prayerful man.**

2 Kings 2:14-15 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. ¹⁵And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

- f) **Jesus Christ was effectively prayerful.**

Matthew 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

- g) **The Apostles.**

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

- h) **Paul and Silas prayed exceptional prayers in the bible.**

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and

sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

13) How To Form Biblical Prayer Points.

- a) **Take a verse or some verses from the bible, meditate on it very well.**

- ✓ Ensure you understand the passage very well.
- ✓ Pray to get the **Rehma** (revelation) of the passage.
- ✓ Apply it to yourself or circumstances.
- ✓ **Compose prayer points from the passage.**

- b) **Also, find out verses from the bible that have to do with the promises of God.**

- ✓ Understand them
- ✓ Then, apply them directly as the promises are stated in the passage.

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14) Conclusion.

When you develop prayer power, then you will live like Jesus who started with prayers and ended with prayers. **Luke 22:44** And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

God Bless you!

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