

Prayer That Get's Results
Luke 11:1-4
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We know that prayer is essential for the believer. But what we don't know is there are effective as well as ineffective ways to pray. We rather not spend time on anything that doesn't work, so why would we spend time praying ineffective prayers? The primary reason our prayers are not effective is because we haven't been taught to pray (or we don't believe what we have been taught). We may not have been taught the types of prayers and the rules to how each work. The disciples watched Jesus pray and saw the results He was getting and simply asked - "Lord teach us how to pray". Shouldn't this be our request to God?

1. Traditions can hinder the authority of God's word and our prayers - Matt 22:29, Mark 7:9-13
2. Knowing the truth can make your prayers effective
 - a. Truth brings deliverance - John 14:17
 - b. Truth sets us free - John 8:32
 - c. Truth brings on the power of God – John 16:13; Romans 1:16
 - d. Truth enables the Spirit of God to do His will - Acts 1:8; John 1:1, 14; John: 14:6; Isa 55:10-11
3. Wrong thinking produces wrong believing - Mark 6:5-6; Matt 13:58
4. The Lord promised what He will do if we would ask – John 14:13; John 14:14; John 16:23-24; 1 John 5:14-15
5. The righteous prayer produces power and are effective - James 5:16
6. There are different prayers that have different rules
 - a. The prayer of faith [James 5:15]
 - b. The prayer of agreement (accord, harmony) - Matt 18:19
 - c. The prayer of Supplication (requests, plea) - Phil 4:6, Eph 6:18, 1 Tim 2: 1-2
 - d. The prayer of Praise and Worship - Luke 24: 52-53, Acts 13: 1-4
 - e. The Prayer of Commitment (pledge, obligation, dedication) - 1 Peter 5:7
 - f. The prayer of consecration (sanctification, blessing) or service - Mt. 26:39
 - g. Intercessory (pleading on somebody's behalf) Prayer - Isa 59:16; Rom 8:26-27; 1 John 2:1
 - h. Prayer in the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 14:14-15