

The Secret of Our Success

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James 5:13-18 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. (NIV)

1 Thessalonians 5:17 ... pray continually, (NIV)

2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)

Prayer changes things:

1. Atmosphere

Acts 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. (NIV)

2. People and their circumstances

2 Kings 2:33 He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. (NIV)

Detours Around Praying:

1. Distractions

2. Exhaustion

Matthew 26:40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.
“Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. (NIV)

Matthew 26:43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. (NIV)

3. Gods response

4. Don't realize its potential

Matthew 18:19-20 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (NIV)

5. Storms of Life

2 Samuel 21:1 During the reign of David, there was a famine for three successive years; so David sought the face of the LORD. (NIV)