

Effective and Powerful Prayer

James 5:13-16

James 5:13
Is anyone among you in trouble?
Let them pray.
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

Is there 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.

Why do we anoint with oil?

1. It's Biblical

Mark 6:13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

2. It's Medicinal

Luke 10:34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

3. Anointing / Set Apart

1 Samuel 16:13 Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

James 5:15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

If we want to be effective at praying for people or even if we just want healing for ourselves - there needs to be faith.

James 5:15-16 If they have sinned they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

John 5:14 See you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.

John 9:2-3 "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Psalm 32:3-5 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then lacknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1. If we sinned against an individual, we should admit we were wrong.

2. If we need support while we are currently struggling with sin.

3. Exposing our sin to the light. Freedom!!!

Ephesians 5:11-13 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible - and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

James 5:16 The fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Fervent = having or displaying a passionate intensity.

"Much of our prayer is not effective simply because it is not fervent. When we pray with a lukewarm attitude, that essentially asks God to care about something that we care little about."

How to be more Powerful and Effective in Prayer

- 1. Bring it to God.
 - 2. Call for prayer.
- 3. Anoint the sick with oil.
- 4. Prayer needs to be offered in faith.
 - 5. Confess your sins.
 - 6. Be fervent in prayer.