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Effective Prayers

Elijah was a man <u>just like us</u>. He <u>prayed earnestly</u> that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

James 5:17

...Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea."

1 Kings 18:42-44

FOUR QUALITIES OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER

1) **EFFECTIVE PRAYERS ARE _____ PRAYERS.**

Elijah... bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

1 Kings 18:42

"...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble..." Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:6,10

2) **EFFECTIVE PRAYERS ARE _____ PRAYERS.**

"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said.

1 Kings 18:43

...You do not have, because you do not ask God.

James 4:2

3) **EFFECTIVE PRAYERS ARE _____ PRAYERS.**

"Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. <u>Seven times</u> Elijah said, "Go back."

1 Kings 18:43

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16b NKJV

KEY QUESTION:
What have you quit praying for that you need to start praying for again?

4) EFFECTIVE PRAYERS ARE _____ PRAYERS.

The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

1 Kings 18:44

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24

Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the LORD came upon Elijah...

1 Kings 18:45-46

What is your prayer need?