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PRAYER THAT WORKS

In James 5:16b it says, ***“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*** The word fervent translates from the Greek word ***“energeo”*** which means to be “active, efficient, effectual, mighty.” This same word was used in Galatians 2:8 when the Apostle Paul was speaking how Peter was used effectually to the Jews, while Paul was effectual to the gentiles.

This type of prayer will bring results. It is based in faith in God’s promises. A fervent prayer can never end with a, “I hope that did some good.” There is absolutely no faith in that kind of prayer. We must find the promise in the word of God for the problem then pray the promise. Sounds simple, but it takes time to study the word and find the promises and then pray them believing they will manifest.

One promise that I have used in healing is in Psalm 103:3 where it says, ***“who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.”*** I must believe that God cannot lie. If he says he forgives all my iniquities (sin, mischief, perversity) and heals all my disease then I must believe it for it to manifest. You see, my friends, faith is believing that God means what he says, and then we act on it. I have seen great results when I pray this verse and believe for myself and others.

The “energeo” or fervency of your prayers will make them work. An illustration would be giving a bulldog a bone. He will fight to keep it. You better not try to take it away without the consequences of getting “bitten.” That is the kind of faith you need to make the promises work. You must have bulldog faith that grabs hold of a promise and won’t let go.

How long must you wait? You wait until it is answered but you never doubt God’s promises, or you become “double-minded.” James 1:6-8 speaks of this. You won’t get anything with God with “yoyo” faith – up and down, believing and doubting. You must stand firm and not let go of the promises of God! Then you will see prayer that works!