

THE APPEARANCE

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16



EFFECTUAL PRAYER #4



James 5:16: Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Procrastination is the greatest enemy of prayer. In the future when you look back at your life, not doing those things that you considered important will not matter, it will only matter if you prayed. ***It's not possible to pray intercessory prayers without the help of the Holy Spirit. It's only possible as the Holy Spirit takes over and prays through us. In order to pray effectively, there are some things we must do.***

There is an unbreakable law in the kingdom of God: It is always according to your faith. Unbelief is often the cause of unanswered prayer (**Mathew 9:29**). If you do not have strong faith in what you are asking for, chances are you will not receive an answer to your prayers. ***Without faith it is virtually impossible to please God*** (Hebrews 11). Faith has substance and it is tangible, whether you see it or not.

Faith is the only thing that works in the kingdom of God. It is the spiritual currency whereby we have access to the vast supply of blessings and riches in His kingdom. He delights to see faith in His children. ***Jesus never was impressed with how much people knew, or how many laws they were able to keep, but He was always impressed whenever He saw faith in people*** (**Mathew 8:10; 15:28**). Faith and love always work together (**Galatians 5:6**).

Love casts out fear which is like green kryptonite to faith (1 John 4:18). The imputed righteousness of Christ which comes through his shed blood is what gives us boldness to approach His throne of grace; but personal righteousness is also crucial (**Psalms 66:18; John 15:7**). ***If you have sin reigning in your life, it will give the devil a legal right to object to your prayers and present his case against you in the spiritual court of law in heaven.***

We must have a pure walk before the Lord. Whenever you commit a sin, you need to repent and confess the sin quickly to the

Lord, and the blood of Jesus Christ will wash you from all sin and cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9) ***The LORD only answers sincere, desperate, passionate prayers.*** As we get close to God in prayer, we will feel His heartbeat and our heart will be broken with the things that break the heart of God.

In order to be able to pray with brokenness you must be able to see ourselves as God sees us. ***Strong's Dictionary defined travail as: "writhing in pain"***. The process of child birth again illustrates this very well. Just like a mother experiences labor pains in giving physical birth to her baby, the same is true in the spiritual realm. For every person that is born again, you can be sure that someone has interceded and travailed for them (**Isaiah 66:8; Romans 8:26-27**).

Intercessory and travailing prayer is very different from normal devotional prayer. You can pray that kind of prayer at any moment, but not travailing prayer. ***Intercessory prayer is imparted by the Lord and is the kind of prayer that comes with a burden.*** This is a feeling of sadness, concern, even anxiety. You may or may not know for who the burden is. Sometimes the Lord may bring the face of the person or name to mind. Immediately you may feel unusual sympathy or concern for the individual.

This is how God calls us to pray. But unless you take time to give yourself to intercession, you will not experience "parturition", the actual joy and relief that comes with having given birth to the will of God and having "prayed through" (**Isaiah 66:8**). When you intercede for people like this, you may experience excruciating agony and pain like in childbirth, actually feeling a person's grief, pain and loneliness. ***This is a supernatural experience where God is allowing us to feel His burden, sadness, love and grief.***

When the Lord places a burden on you to pray it is called: ***"The burden of the Lord"***. You become pregnant with a burden that is given by the Lord and you travail or groan in delivery until it is accomplished. Travailing prayer is unpleasant and should be done in private. (Taken from Augusto's book: 'Open Heavens').