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Powerful Prayer For Weak Christians

James 5:16-20

- 1) The prayer of the righteous can accomplish much (5:16)
 - a) For wisdom (1:5)
 - b) For perseverance while suffering (5:13)
 - c) For weak Christians (5:14-16)
 - d) For spiritual maturity (5:16; cf. Eph. 6:18)
- 2) Prayer is the avenue for spiritual transformation
 - a) For wayward Christians (5:16; cf. 1 John 5:16)
 - b) For our persecutors (Matt. 5:44)
 - c) For God's kingdom to come (Matt. 6:10)
 - d) For daily provision of food & water (Matt. 6:11)
 - e) For overcoming temptation (Matt. 6:13)
 - f) Confession of & forgiveness of sins (Luke 11:4)
 - g) For the advancement of the gospel (2 Thess. 3:1)
 - h) For earthly rulers to rule wisely (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
- 3) Prayer for God's glory is always answered (5:17-18)
- 4) Prayer for straying believers can restore them to fellowship (5:19-20)
 - a) Sometimes we get to participate in restoring others
 - b) We cannot pray/restore if we're hypocrites
 - c) Our aid to other Christians is to be done in love, not judgment
 - d) We must guard ourselves when restoring another (Gal. 6:1-2)