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The Prayer of a Righteous Person

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Five Ways to Experience Much from God:

1. Pray about your needs.

James 4:2_b-3 (NIV) “You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

2. Pray about your problems.

James 5:13_a (NIV) “Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.”

3. Pray when you are happy.

James 5:13_b (NIV) “Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.”

4. Ask for prayer when you are sick.

James 5:14_a (NIV) “Is anyone among you sick?”

James 5:14 (NIV) “Is 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.”

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

5. Confess and ask for prayer when you sin.

James 5:15_b-16_a (NIV) “If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

The prayer of a righteous person availeth much!

James 5:16_b-18 (NIV) “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

1 Kings 18:42_b (NIV) “Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.”