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Effectual Fervent Prayer

By Tabitha DeTemple



Have you ever sat and watched your children or a friend's child as they cried, played, or just expressed themselves? I'm always amazed at how passionate my daughter, Esther, is. Everything she does expresses so much emotion and intensity. Many times I find myself envious of how enthusiastic she can be about the simplest things. As I began to write, I was taken back to Psalm 63:1 and how passionate David was in his expression and longing for God. "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."

A few months ago we were in a church service and it was almost time for the altar call, and my two-year-old daughter got down on the floor and began to cry out to God. I did not understand everything she said, but she was sincerely and earnestly praying. As we all began to pray, you could feel the mighty presence of God moving in the building. People were not praying short prayers or trying to hurry through the service, but in the example of a small two-year-old child they were on their faces weeping and passionately crying out to God. II Chronicles 7:14 says,

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

When we humble ourselves before God, surrendering all of ourselves to Him, we literally bring James 5:16b to life. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Praying effectually and fervently simply means to pray with passion and with an intent that something will happen. Our children are naturally passionate, but if we don't cultivate a passion for the things of God in them and be an example for them, as they grow they will replace God with a passion for the things of this world.

Note: Tabitha has been married to Daniel, her best friend and confidant for four years. They have one beautiful little girl, Esther. They are appointed missionaries to the Republic of Georgia. Tabitha has been involved in ministry for most of her life, serving in many capacities in a home missions church with her father and mother and now on the mission field with her family.

Before the Exciting Part

By Laurie Sims



"What's your secret?" Have you ever wanted to ask this question to those who seem to have every prayer they ever pray answered? Maybe you feel you have prayed on and on, yet your fervent (enthusiastic) prayers remain unanswered. I feel your pain, my friend. You might think they own a "royal telephone," thus having a direct line with God. I have to tell you, your line with God can be just as powerful as theirs. So just what is their secret? Let's take a look at James 5:14-18.

James asks, "Is anyone among you sick?" He instructs to call for the elders of the church to pray and anoint with oil in the name of the Lord. He continues to say the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up. As apostolics, we are very familiar with this. But then the passage goes on to say, "And if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him." Hmmmm . . . there must be a reason forgiveness is mentioned here, although we often skip over that part like we are skipping stones on the lake surface.

So let's read on to find the key component to what may be hindering our prayers and why this was included. In verse 16 we read, "Therefore, confess your sins one to another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed." Wow. There it is - the key component. We have to prepare before we can expect the rest to work. Repentance cannot be passed over, yet in our impatience we tend to rush right by it to get to the "exciting part" that tells us, "The effectual (influential, authoritative) fervent (enthusiastic) prayer of a righteous (virtuous) man availeth (benefits) much."

The answer we seek may be right here. If we really want our prayers to be answered, let us take a little pause before we get to the exciting part, which allows us to prepare for the exciting part. We are imperfect humans, so we often fail without meaning to. This is why Christ died for us. To prepare, let us seek forgiveness first. If we make things right with our brother or sister and gain cleansing before we pray, perhaps we will find we now have the key to getting some of those fervent prayers answered.

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The Power of Early Morning Prayer

By Kim Haney

Excerpted from the book, *For Women who are Called*, by *Women who Have Answered*



I will never forget the first time I heard it. As a young twenty-year-old newlywed bride, my husband and I lived with his parents for about six months. It was the early morning hours while the sky was still dark, when the sound of "OOOO" came through the vents from the upstairs bedroom and startled me out of my sleep. It was the sound of my mother-in-law praying in the early morning hours.

She had always told me, "Kim, if you want God to use you, you must develop an every day, consistent prayer life. It's the most important thing you could ever do." About the second year of our marriage, my husband began to develop some major health issues. The weight that came upon me of trying to figure out how to handle this pushed me to the prayer closet. During this time I began to uncover for myself the power of early morning prayer, and it has changed my life.

Men and women who walked with God always had a time and a place to meet with God every day. The Scriptures specify they prayed early in the morning.

There are certain channels and pathways in the spirit realm. We can either take God's chosen pathway or we can choose our own, which most of the time is more convenient to our flesh. But if we connect to God's methods, we will see many prayers answered and powerful things take place in the realm of the Spirit. The Bible gives us insight on the activity of the angels in the heavenly realm.

Jacob had a dream in the early morning hours and saw angels ascending and descending, going up to the heavens, then back down into the earth to fulfill their orders for the day. This tells us God has gateways; He dispatches His heavenly hosts.

We see angels escorting Lot, physically taking his wife and two daughters by the hand, and leading them out of Sodom. When did this happen? In the morning. Divine protection takes place in the early morning hours (Genesis 19:15).

"And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD" (Genesis 19:27).

Job rose early in the morning to offer sacrifices for his children, which would be the same as us praying for our children (Job 1:5).

God destroys captivity in the early morning hours. Moses was sent by God to confront Pharaoh, but he wasn't released to do this at just any time of the day. It was in the early morning hours (Exodus 7:15).

David knew the power of early morning prayer (Psalm 5:3, Psalm 63:1).

Jesus Himself knew the spiritual secret of early morning prayer. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35).

Do you think the Bible makes mention of the early morning just to fill space? Absolutely not! Isaiah 14:12 calls Lucifer the "son of the morning." He was cast down and lost his place in heaven, but he never lost his nature. It's still in his heart to arrange things into our days to where we become so busy we never tap into the power of early morning prayer. When we don't get up and pray, we lose that time of visitation and anointing to the activities of the day.

There is a power that will rest upon you and an anointing that will follow you all day long when you flow in God's methods of early morning prayer. Walking in the power of the Spirit comes from tapping into what God has for me in my prayer closet. Try it for six weeks and see how it transforms and changes your entire walk with God. He desires to raise up His church into the dimension of power, sensitivity, and authority. You will never again be the same.

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Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
 - That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
 - That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).
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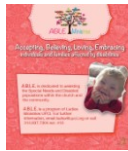
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