



**Be Successful In Your Ministry 2023**  
**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
**Weekly Bible Study**  
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**Study Text: James 5:16**  
**Study Subject: Conditions To Effectual Prayer**  
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**Psalm 119:97**

### **Open It**

- I. Define effectual: successful in producing a desired or intended result.
- II Prayer must be backed up by the right living to be effectual. It must be done by a righteous man. Righteousness means rectitude of conduct, while holiness means rectitude of character. Rectitude means correct behavior.
- II. **Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22.** Paul instructed the believers to change their ways in an effort to be impactful.

### **Explore It**

- I. **The First Condition Is Fellowship**
  - a. **Read John 15:7,8: Abide** means to dwell, stay in. Fellowship is hampered if we \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **My words abide in you:** His words in us bring about \_\_\_\_\_ which produces \_\_\_\_\_ prayers.
  - c. **Ask what you will:** At that moment this pertain to the disciples but now there are many disciples of Christ and therefore the promise is still alive. But notice in the asking we must be in \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ. What is it that takes us out of \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ?

## II. The Second Condition Is Obedience

- a. Disobedience can cause a disconnection with your **fellowship** with God.

Therefore, your prayers do not have the power source need to be called an “**effectual prayer**”. How do I check my **connection**? By asking yourself the hard question. Am I doing what God want me to do or am I doing what I want to do?

- b. **1 Samuel 15:18,19**: The **indictment** God brings to Saul. When you are **disobedient** to God, you cannot and will not escape the **indictment**. The **indictment** can \_\_\_\_\_ your prayers. What do you do when you have been **indicted** by God for your disobedience? \_\_\_\_\_

- c. **Read 1 Sam. 15:20,21**: How did Saul respond to God’s **indictment**? Let’s see if his response matches ours when we are **indicted**. \_\_\_\_\_

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