



Be Successful In Your Ministry 2024
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Weekly Bible Study
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Study Text: James 5:16
Study Subject: Conditions To Effectual Prayer⁶
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Psalm 119:97

Open It

- I. We have focused on six of the “Conditions To Effectual Prayer. They were 1. **Fellowship** 2. **Obedience** 3. **Submission** 4. **Right-Motives** 5. **Asking In Jesus’ Name** and 6. **Praying In Faith** All six are dealing with our position with God and our conduct. At the end of the day how we live matters.
- II. Tonight, we will turn our attention to the 7th condition. **Praying In The Spirit**. Many have confused this statement as “praying in tongues”. Therefore, it has been taught that you must learn to pray in tongues as evidence of salvation and power. We will examine the scriptures to see if they bear the common belief of many.

Explore It

- I. **Condition 7: Praying In The Spirit Jude 1:20**
 - a. First, allow me to say this passage has nothing to do with praying in tongues.
 - b. Let me clear the air. I believe speaking in tongues is a gift. The bible teaches that not all have the same gift. Therefore, there will be some who speak in tongues and some not. The ability to speak in tongues is one of many

potential spiritual gifts given to Christians by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Every Christian is given one or more spiritual gifts. Speaking in tongues — like any other spiritual gift — is not guaranteed to any believer, nor is it necessary for salvation.

c. Jude 1:20 Read: Building Up Yourselves. Jude 1:3: There are great matters of religion held in common by all Christians, and it is important for religious teachers to address their fellow Christians on those common topics. (Barnes' Notes on the New Testament.) In the Christian we spend a lot of time _____ over those things which break us apart and not enough time speaking on those things that bring us together. If the Christian Church is going to operate in prayer with power, we must learn to build on what? _____

d. Contend: Struggle. What does this tell us about our faith? _____

e. Romans 8:26-25: What does this passage teach about praying in the Spirit?
