

We have been raised to build Gods city, set captives free and guard the ancient paths. Is 45:13, Jer 18:15

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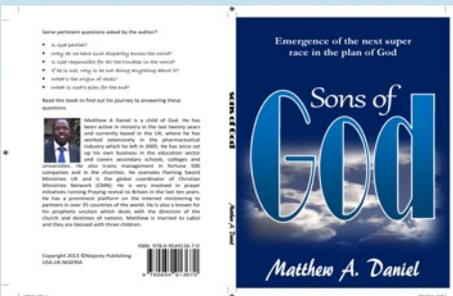
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Many people pray without thinking of what they are saying or worse still say things only to impress people around them. These prayers are ineffective. The Bible says the effective prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available. (James 5:16). Effective prayer gets answers, it's only sensible to learn how to pray effectively.

Choose a time with God: You can and should talk to God at all times but it's helpful to have appointed times set to meet with him. This helps you with the discipline to be in his presence regularly. In the book of Job, we have an insight that God commands the morning from the dawn. The writer does this by praying every midnight to set the day. Job 38:12, Ps 55:17, Ps 88:13, Dan 6:10, Mat 14:23.

Talk and listen: A lot of people talk in prayer but not many take the time to listen. Prayer is a dialogue and not a monologue. Prov 8:17, Eph 3:12, Heb 4:16, 2 Chro 32:24.

Approach in a determined manner: Go before God in a manner that will always guaranty access. Go before him by the blood of Jesus, this confers on you the righteousness that you can never attain by self-works and gives you the same rights as Jesus. Make sure you are sincere and not deceptive, start your prayers with praise and worship in order to manifest his presence, pray using the words of God. These will always open up the throne of God to you. Heb 14:14-16, Ps 24:3-4, Mat 5:8, Heb 12:14, Ps 100:4, Ps 22:27, Ps 25:14, Jos 1:8, Ps 119:148,

Make use of 'help' given to us: We have been given lots of help in making it easy for us in prayer, many tend to ignore these. We have been given the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, the abiding presence of our counsellor, God the Holy Spirit. Heb 9:7, Prov 18:10, Ps 124:8, John 14:20.

Everything works by faith: In order to get answers in prayers, you will need to apply faith. You are meant to receive answers to prayers while you pray. Many pray for a thing and then immediately take an action that runs contrary to what they have prayed for. Faith only works by love and so everything we do must be undergirded by love. Mark 11:24, Heb 11:6.

Use your weapon effectively. Many get into trouble because they don't use the weapons given to us or don't use it effectively. Please ensure you pray regularly and before the storm gather disperse it in prayer. When doubt comes, fill yourself with the word of God so that faith can rise in your heart. Protect yourself and your loved ones regularly to prevent unexpected circumstances. When you battle, do it from the point of knowledge that Jesus already won the war but you need to enforce the victories daily. Prayer is one of the ways to live victoriously.

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