

**Excelling Still More
in Prayer**



“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.” James 1:22

“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.” vs. 25

“These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” Acts 1:14

FOR A CHURCH TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY MEANS THAT YOU AND I ARE:

1. DEVOTED.

“And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.” Acts 2:1

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.” Col. 4:2

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“And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

**“And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.”
Acts 4:31**

2. PERSISTENT.

“Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart.” Luke 18:1

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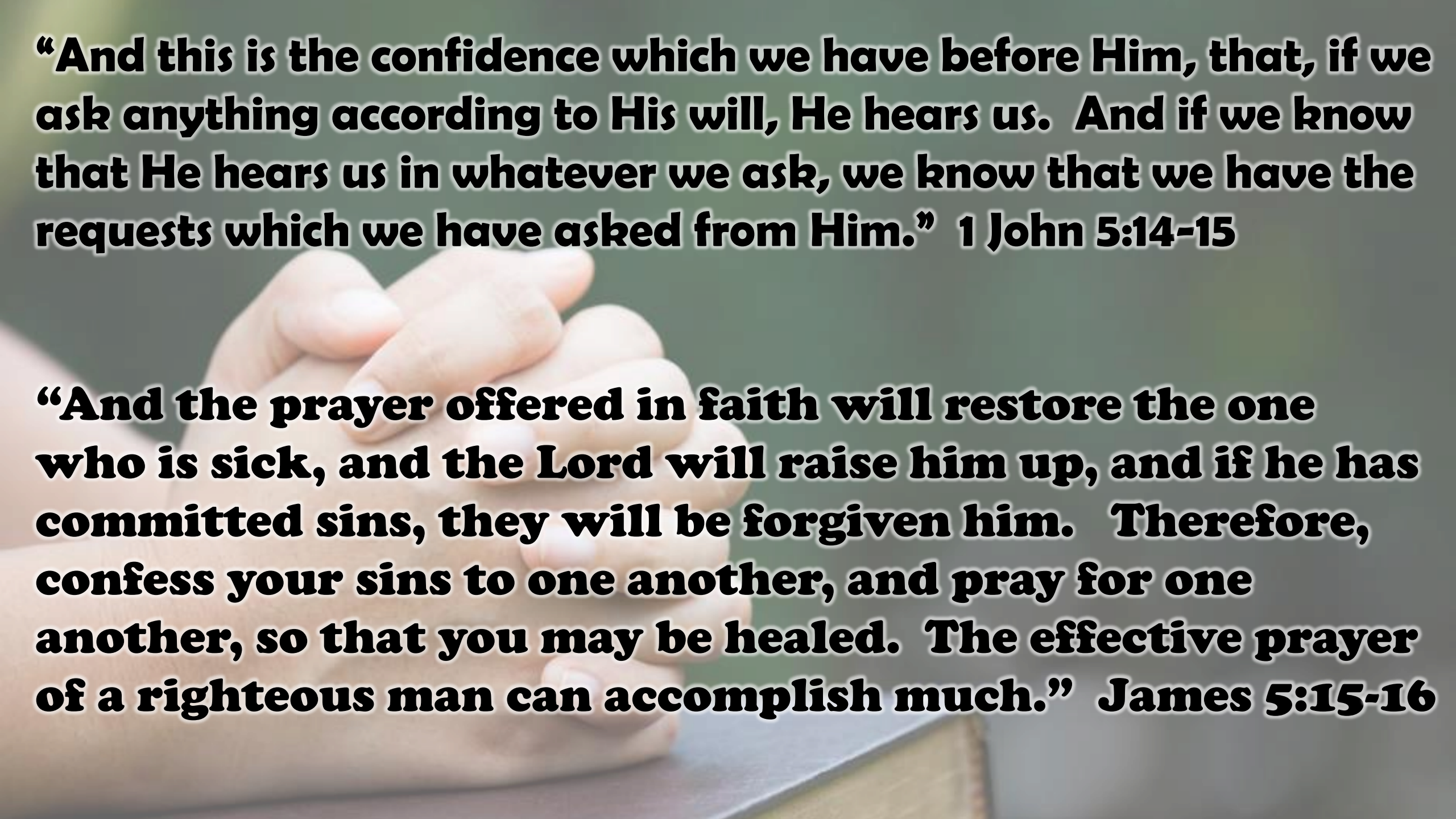
“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thess. 5:17

3. EXPECTANTLY SUBMISSIVE.

“Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you.” Mark 11:23-24

“And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. And He was saying, ‘Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.’” Mark 14:35-36

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” Matt. 7:11



“And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.” 1 John 5:14-15

“And the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:15-16

4. HUMBLY BOLD.

“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.” Heb. 4:15-16

“He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.” Ps. 103:10

APPLICATION FOR ME:

PEACE

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7

JOY

“Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.” John 16:24

FELLOWSHIP

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.” Ps. 145:18

ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GOODNESS

“Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” Eph. 3:20-21

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