

The Last Ten Percent

After Amen

James 5:16 *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

Righteous means right _____ with God.

Effective means it's a confession that is put to _____.

We have to _____ come clean.

Luke 18:10-14 *"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

Jesus is drawn to _____.

Mark 4:38 *The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"*

They say nothing about Jesus's ability to fix their problem, but say everything about Jesus's _____ about their problem.

Mark 9:22 *"Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."*

Mark 9:23-24 *"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"*

When we surrender that last 10%, it creates space for _____.

SEVEN OBSTACLES TO ANSWERED PRAYER

1. _____ Sin - When we willfully decide that our _____ is better than God's command.

Isaiah 59:1-2 *Listen! The LORD 's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. 2 It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.*

2. _____ Spirit

Matthew 6:14-15 *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Mark 11:24-25 *I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. 25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.*

3. An _____ Heart

James 1:6-8 *But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.*

4. Improper _____

James 4:3 *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

5. Inconsiderate _____

1 Peter 3:7 *In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.*

6. An Anemic _____

Acts 12:5 *So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.*

James 5:17 *Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.*

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV) *Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;*

7. The Sovereignty of _____

Isaiah 55:8-9 *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD . "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*