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**CLASS; YEAR 11**

**SUBJECT; C.R.S**

**TOPIC;-Effective prayers**

**CONTENT;-**

1. What is effective prayer?
2. Conditions for effective prayers

## **What is effective prayer?**

Effective prayer is that prayer that is result oriented, the person praying must pray without doubting the reality of God, his willingness as well as his ability to answer prayer. James compares such a doubting Thomas to a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. Faith is therefore a necessary condition for effective prayers. A doubtful mind will not receive anything from God.

## **EVALUATION**

1. Define effective prayer
2. What situations to James could necessitate prayers?

## **Conditions for effective prayer**

Faith in God is very paramount for any prayer to be answered. This faith must be in God and not in prayer only. Another necessary condition is that prayer should spring from the right motive. James says some people pray and do not receive because they ask wrongly. One must therefore ask what he really needs not asking out of selfishness or simply to satisfy an ego or passion.

The other important condition is that we should confess our sins before praying. This is because sin hinders prayer. We should confess first to God and then to each other for our prayers to be effective. The prayer of a sinner is an abomination to God.

Effective prayer must not be an attempt to impress other people. That is why James emphasized praying in one's closet. Prayer is not effective when we try to impress others because before we ask God knows our needs and we are the object of his goodwill.

Other things that can hinder prayers are:

1. Ingratitude to God for previous gifts
2. Not forgiving others – hearts full of malice, hatred, Jealousy etc
3. Tautology in prayer (unnecessary repetition)
4. Not being persistent enough in prayer

## **EVALUATION**

1. **Outline** the teaching of James in prayer
2. Mention any four factors that may hinder the effective of prayer

### 3. RSV Bible Read James 5;13-18

#### **WEEKEND ASSIGNMENT**

1. What is prayer? (a) communication between God and man (b) communion between God and man (c) all of the above
2. --- is an hindrance to prayer ( a) sin (b) standing up to pray (c) wrong motive
3. The type of prayer where the petitioner makes request for others alone is known as ---  
(a) Prayer of petition (b) prayer of confession (c) intercessory prayer
4. Why should a Christian pray (a) to fulfil all righteousness (b) to receive victory (c) to overcome Satan ,sin and sickness
5. All these people prayed except ---(a) Moses (b) Daniel (c) satan

#### **THEORY**

1. **What** is prayer?
2. Mention three to prayer



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1. Christians living among non- Christian
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#### **1. Christians living among non- Christians**

In times of inter – personal human relations in the community what characteristics should distinguish a Christian brother. Again with regards to attitude to work and performance of civic responsibility what makes him different? Having acquired new life in Jesus, the Christian now has an obligation to demonstrate his new life in the community. Peter reminds Christians of the circumstances surrounding their redemption as former enemies of God and slaves to darkness who were doomed for destruction. They were now redeemed through God’s mercy in Jesus Christ. By God’s grace they have received redemption to God’s humanity and now bonfire members of the royal priesthood. Their duty therefore, is to proclaim ‘the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into the marvellous light ‘ (1 peter 2:19) so how should they make this proclamation invariably, this will be reflected in their conduct in the community.

**EVALUATION**

1. With reference to I Peter, what are the characteristics of Christian life in the community?
2. How can Christians live amicably among non-Christians in the community?

### **Role of Christians in the community**

1. They should stand against the passions of the flesh such as immorality, idolatry, drunkenness, selfishness etc. By that unification of Christ, they are now heavenly citizens, hence they can no longer afford to be ruled by the passions of this world.
2. They should maintain good conduct among gentiles so that even if they speak against them as evil doers, they might see their good works and glorify God on the day of judgement.
3. Christians are also expected to honour all men, love the brotherhood, honour the emperor and fear God. They should submit to the authority.
4. They are equally expected to fulfil their civic responsibilities in the community, this includes being law-abiding, paying their taxes and refraining from crime. They should also vote during elections, even when their masters are being harsh. They should bear such pains even as Christ suffered unjust humiliation. The issue is that Christians should be faithful in carrying out their duties.
5. Peter advises Christian servants to be loyal to their masters in everything whether they are gentiles or not.

### **EVALUATION**

1. How far are today's Christians manifesting the characteristics of Christians living among non-Christians?
2. Explain the various roles of Christians in the community?

### **WEEKEND ASSIGNMENT**

1. What reward does God have for the humble youth? (a) They live long on earth (b) They will be rich (c) They will receive grace
2. According to Peter, the role of the elders is mainly that of a (an) (a) guard (b) shepherd (c) overseer
3. 'Flock' in I Peter 5:2 refers to (a) The youths (b) the elders (c) The children
4. The younger ones have the duty to (a) respect the elders always (b) salute the elders always (c) humble themselves before the elders always
5. 'Chief shepherd' in I Peter 5:4 refers to (a) The high priest (b) Jesus Christ (c) The pastor

### **THEORY**

1. Outline the teaching of James on prayer
2. Mention any four factors that can hinder the effectiveness of prayer.

