

Difference Making Prayer

#1 God wants His people to pray.

• Matthew 7:7 -11

Prayer formula by Bill Hybels

• "If the request is wrong, God says, 'No'. If the timing is wrong, God says, 'Slow'. If you are wrong, God says, 'Grow'. And if the request is right, the timing is right, and you are right, God says, 'Go' "

#2 Does Prayer change things

• James 5:16b ... the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

II Corinthians 1:8-11 NLT

Everything God does in the world He does in answer to prayer.

- Prayer is the way you defeat the devil (Luke 22:32; James 4:7)*
- Prayer is the way to get the lost saved (Luke 18:13)*
- Prayer is the way you acquire wisdom (James 1:5)*
- Prayer is the way a backslider gets restored (James 5:16-20)*
- Prayer is how the saints get strengthened (Jude20, Matthew 26:41)*
- Prayer is the way we get laborers out to the mission field. (Matthew 9:38)*
- Prayer is how we cure the sick (James 5:13-15)*
- Prayer is how we accomplish the impossible (Mark 11:23-24)*

#3 A Pattern of Prayer for changing others.

• Philippians 1:9-11

- Pray they will love more v9*
- Pray that they will make right choices vs10a*
- Pray that they would be sincere v10b*
- Pray that they would live blameless lives v10c*
- Pray that they will live fruitful lives vs 11*

Colossians 1:10

John 15:8