

The word “fervent” in the original language is where we get our word for “energy”. It suggests the idea of it being energizing, like how electricity energizes a circuit. You can plug a light into the outlet, but if the power is not on, it is not going to do any good. Today’s Scripture verse speaks of effective, fervent prayer - not a weak prayer, not a lethargic prayer, not the same prayer repeated daily with no passion.

That is because when you pray a passionate prayer, a stirred-up prayer, a bold prayer, it makes tremendous power available. Depressed, negative prayers don’t bring any power. Turn it around. For example, pray: “Father, thank You that You are opening doors no man or woman can shut. Thank You that You are bringing me into overflow and taking me where I cannot go on my own.” That prayer is an effective, fervent, passionate, courage-filled prayer. Turn on the power.

James 5:16 “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man (or woman) avails much.”