



"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 NLT

PRAYERS THAT GET THINGS DONE ARE ...

1. **AUTHENTIC** - not separated from real life.

"As soon as I heard these words ..." Nehemiah 1:4a ESV

2. **EMOTIONAL** - not cardboard, unfeeling recitations.

"... I sat down and wept and mourned for days." Nehemiah 1:4b ESV

3. **GOD FIRST** - not me, me, me.

"And I said, 'O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments.'" Nehemiah 1:5 ESV

4. **CONTINUOUS** - not just one prayer one time, but ongoing conversation.

"Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night ..." Nehemiah 1:6a ESV

5. **CONFESSIONAL** - not an attitude of entitlement, admitting my own failings.

"... confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned." Nehemiah 1:6b ESV

6. **BIBLE ANCHORED** - not unsure but with faith based on God's Word.

"Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them ... I will gather them.'" Nehemiah 1:7-8a ESV

7. **SPECIFIC** - not wandering generalities but laser sharp within context of #1- #6.

"Give success to your servant today." Nehemiah 1:11 ESV