

Living for Christ (1 Kings 17:1)

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Considerations:

1. Why is Elijah worthy of extra study?
 - Taken to heaven without death (2Kings 2:1-11).
 - In the meeting with Jesus and Moses at the Transfiguration (Matt.7:3).
 - The example of effective Prayer (James 5:16-18).
 - A foreshadowing of John the Baptist (Matt.11:4; 17:12).
 - A man like us—normal (James 5:16-18).
2. What does it take to be effective in ministry for Christ? (17:1).
3. What were the needs in Elijah's day (cf.18:4; 16:30-33)?

Convinced of God's Aliveness:

1. "As the Lord the God of Israel *lives*."
2. How did Elijah convince his contemporaries of God's aliveness?
3. How can we convince others of God's aliveness? (List several ways).

Convinced of God's Agents:

1. "Before whom *I* stand . . . except by *my* word."
2. 2 Corinthians 5:20.
3. In what ways does God want to use us as his agents?

Convinced of God's Ability:

1. "***Surely*** there shall be neither dew nor rain these years."
2. James 5:17; Deut. 11:16,17.
3. What do we need to believe God is able to use us?

Concluding Applications:

1. To be effectively used for Christ today, consider what it is you must focus on. Can you restate what Elijah did in your own words?
2. Consider your use of God's primary tools for effective advancement: the Bible and Prayer (cf. Acts 6:1-7; Eph.6:18-20).