

JAMES

Lesson 18: The Ministry of Restoration Part 2

James 5:13-20 CSB

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises.

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back,

²⁰ let that person know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

- Practical Discipleship for Everyone.
- Bible Memorization.

o Psalm 119:11

I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.

Last week's memory verse:

James 5:13

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises.

This week's memory verse:

James 5:19-20

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰ let that person know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. Point 1: Spiritual Accountability in Our Life.

<u>Confess -</u> "to agree," "to admit," or "to say the same thing."

Confession:

- having the same perspective on sin as God.
- an attitude of turning away from sin.

Confessing our sins to ______.

Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. ¹⁷ If he doesn't pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you.

There is only One who can absolve us of sin: _____. (Psalm 130).

There is only one Mediator between us and God: ______. (1 Timothy 2:5).

Verse 16: Godly people praying.

1 Peter 3:11-12 CSB

and let him turn away from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it,¹² because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.

Godly people ______ is the key.

The true value of prayer is not about getting our desires but reflecting _____.

Verse 19: <u>Strays</u>

- (4105)(planao from plane which describes "a wandering"; English word "planet")
- made to wander and so to go (active sense) or be led (passive sense as of sheep in Mt 18:12-13) astray.

Prioritize trying to ______ the brother or sister to the Lord.

Verse 20: Saving a soul from death and covering a multitude of sins.

God-like love.

Pray first.
Speak second.
Tell the church.

The goal is never to ______ but to restore.

Acts 5:1-11.

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. ² However, he kept back part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge, and brought a portion of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³ "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ Wasn't it yours while you possessed it? And after it was sold, wasn't it at your disposal? Why is it that you planned this thing in your heart? You have not lied to people but to God." ⁵ When he heard these words, Ananias dropped dead, and a great fear came on all who heard. ⁶ The young men got up, wrapped his body, carried him out, and buried him.

⁷ About three hours later, his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ "Tell me," Peter asked her, "did you sell the land for this price?" "Yes," she said, "for that price."

⁹ Then Peter said to her, "Why did you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰ Instantly she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men came in, they found her dead, carried her out, and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ Then great fear came on the whole church and on all who heard these things.

Sin _____ our view of God.

Judgment ______ our spiritual eyes and hearts back into the right perspective.

<u>Key takeaways:</u>

Practical Point 1: Impact God's People by Living a Righteous Life.

Practical Point 2: Get Involved in Others' Spiritual Journey.