
JAMES – Practical Christianity

Pray Until Your Life Is Changed

Part 13

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James 5:13-18

If I Want to Experience the Power of God,
I Need to Order My Life According to
The Will and The Ways of God

The Power of Prayer and Praise

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.” *James 5:13, ESV*

Is Prayer a Duty or a Delight?

7 Ways to Improve Your Prayer Life

1. Prayer Needs to Be Planned
2. Adopt Practical Ways to Impede Mental Drift
3. Develop Prayer-Partner Relationships
4. Get Around People Who Pray
5. Develop a System for Your Prayer List
6. Mingle Praise, Confession and Intercession and Tie Them Back to The Scriptures
7. Pray Until You Pray

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” *Colossians 3:16, ESV*

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God's Power Works Through a Community of Faith

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." *James 5:14–15, ESV*

Miracles Are Meant to Point People to God,

"But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." *John 11:4, ESV*

People Who Believe in Miracles
Are More Likely to See Miracles

The Power of Confession

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit." *James 5:16–18, ESV*

Practice Confession of Sin

We Walk in Darkness in Subtle Ways

"... God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth." *1 John 1:5–6, ESV*

Pride Blocks Power

"... Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." *James 4:6, ESV*

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." *Matthew 5:3–6, ESV*

Prayer Without Confession and Repentance Is Powerless