
Faith
That Finishes Well
JAMES 5:7-11, 14-20

- The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint.

I. The Warning: (James 5:1-6)

“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth -eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out;

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and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.”

1. Don't live for luxury. Don't ignore the needs around you. You. Instead, Use your Resources for the Kingdom Of God.

2. You are the ultimate example of Using Resources for the Kingdom When You are investing in Human Souls!

II. The Farmer’s Patience (James 5:7–11)

"Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned.

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Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful."

1. Farming requires waiting on a schedule we cannot force or control.

2. Do not underestimate the supernatural power of a consistent, patient seed.

3. Your faithfulness today is setting the stage for someone else's harvest tomorrow.

III. The Power of Intercession and the "Prayer of Faith" (James 5:14–16)

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

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And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”

1. Elijah was a human being with flaws and fears, just like us, but when he prayed, heaven moved.

2. You don't need a theological degree to break demonic strongholds; you just need a heart that believes God cares.

IV. Pursue the Wanderer (James 5:19–20)

“Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

- “75% of Christian Youth Leave the Church by their early twenties.” (The Barna Group)

1. When you see a Wanderer, You Go After Them.

2. A Text, a Kind Word, or a Quiet Prayer can be the anchor that God uses to pull a wandering heart back to Safety.

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."