

JAMES - A LIFE OF LIVING FAITH

Lesson 14

Review: James has given insightful wisdom to many of the challenges faced by most Christians. He now concludes with some practical guidelines on praying effectively.

I. Effective Prayer Is The Result Of Praying Ceaselessly - James 5:13

A) It should be exercised in every SITUATION - Phil. 4:4-7

1) When we are under great BURDENS

2) When we are enjoying great BLESSINGS

B) It should first be exercised by one's SELF - I Thess. 5:16-18

Why we might seek prayer from others while not praying ourselves...

1) We may be lacking in our EXPERIENCE - James 4:2

2) We may be lacking in our CONFIDENCE - I John 5:13-15

2) We may be lacking in our OBEDIENCE - I John 3:22

II. Effective Prayer Can Result In Healing For The Sick - James 5:14-15

A) We should ask prayer of those that we know PRAY

B) We should add to that things that help that PROCESS

C) We should know that sickness has a PURPOSE

1) There is a sickness that leads to the GRAVE - John 11:4a

2) There is a sickness that leads to God's GLORY - John 11:4b

3) There is a sickness that leads to God's GRACE - II Cor. 12:7-10

D) We should know that sickness may reveal another PROBLEM

1) It may be the CONSEQUENCE for foolish actions of sin

2) It may be CHASTENING to get our attention about our sin

III. Effective Prayer Is Not The Realm Of Only Some Saints - James 5:16-18

A) It is for any who will pray EFFECTUALLY - In God's will for God's will

B) It is for any who will pray FERVENTLY - With a passionate faith

C) It is for any who will pray RIGHTEOUSLY - With a righteous standing

IV. Effective Prayer Should Also Target The Spiritually Sick - James 5:19-20

A) The ones who STRAY

B) The ones yet in their SINS