

HOW TO PRAY ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS
DEVELOPING A FAITH THAT WORKS – Part 15

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Read JAMES 5:13-20

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (vs. 16b)

I. WHEN SHOULD I PRAY?

1. WHEN I AM HURTING E_____.

*"Is any one of you in **trouble**? That person should pray." (vs. 13a)*

"Trouble" in Greek means **"to suffer misfortune or to be in distress."**

"In my distress I called unto the Lord." Psalm 18:4

"Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear." (vs. 12)

"Is anyone happy? Let that one sing songs of praise." (vs. 13b)

2. WHEN I AM HURTING P_____.

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him, and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven." (vs. 14-15)

"Sick" in Greek means **"without strength"**

THREE KINDS OF SICKNESS

1. **Sickness for D_____** – Examples: 1 John 5:16 & John 11:4.
2. **Sickness for D_____** – Example: 1 Corinthians 11:28- 32
3. **Sickness for the G_____ O G_____** - Example: John 11:4

FIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD HEALING

1. **S_____**
2. **C_____**
3. **D_____**
4. **R_____**
5. **R_____**

WHAT DOES JAMES SAY TO DO WHEN YOU ARE SICK?

*"He should **call** the **elders**". (vs. 14a)*

*"Call for the elders of the church to **PRAY** over **HIM** and **ANOINT** him with **OIL**." (vs. 14)*

*"...in the name of the **LORD**..." (vs. 14)*

THE RESULTS: *"... And the prayer offered in **FAITH** will **MAKE** the sick person **WELL**; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be **FORGIVEN**." (vs. 15)*

3. WHEN I AM HURTING S_____.

*"Therefore, **confess your sins to each other** and pray for each other so that you may be healed." (vs. 16a)*

THE CIRCLE OF CONFESSION

1. **A P SIN** - just between me and the Lord

2. **A P SIN** – just between me and you

3. **A P SIN**, - I need to apologize to the whole church.

II. WHAT KIND OF PERSON CAN PRAY? ANY O PERSON OR I C

"Elijah was a man just like us ..." (vs.17a); Also see 1 Kings 19:1-10, 18:42-45

III. HOW CAN I PRAY EFFECTIVELY?

1. I MUST **A**

"You do not have, because you do not ask God." James 4:2

2. I MUST HAVE THE **R M**

"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." James 4:3

3. I MUST HAVE A **C L**

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" James 5:16b: Also see Ps. 66:18; Prov. 28:9; Isa. 59:2

4. I MUST ASK IN **F**

"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt..." James 1:6