



THE EVIDENCE OF A
GENUINE FAITH

PURSUING WHAT
MATTERS TO GOD

The Power of a
Praying Church
(James 5:13-20)

Sunday, November 22 / 20

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 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.

James 5:13 – 14

*Though dark be my way, since He is my Guide,
'Tis mine to obey, 'Tis His to provide...
By prayer let me wrestle, and He will perform.
With Christ in the vessel I smile at the storm.
John Newton ('Begone Unbelief', Olney Hymns)*

A. Three Kinds of Prayer:

- i. Prayer for yourself (vs. 13)

- ii. Prayer of the Elders (vs. 14 - 15)

- iii. Prayer for one another (vs. 16 -18)

B. Principles of Prayer: (Four Metaphors)

- i. Prayer is the Spiritual Glue that holds the Local Church Together

- ii. Prayer is the Spiritual Gift to every believer, not just 'Super-Saints'

- iii. Prayer is the Spiritual Appointment for the Believers' Regular Check-ups

- iv. Prayer is the Spiritual Rescue Station for every Wandering Soul



Study and Discussion Questions

James 5:13-20

Open It

1. What are some of the most memorable moments of your life?
2. What are some situations in life when most people pray?

Explore It

3. What should a person do when he or she is in trouble? Happy? Sick? Why? (5:13-15)
4. Why is prayer important? (5:15)
5. Why should we confess our sins to one another? (5:16)
6. What is the effect of a righteous person's prayers? (5:16)
7. Who is a good example of how God answers prayer? How? (5:17-18)
8. What is the benefit of helping a person get back into following the truth? (5:20)

Get It

9. How have you seen prayer bring changes in people or circumstances?
10. What hinders Christians from praying with confidence?
11. What hinders Christians from confessing sins and praying for each other?
12. What circumstances beyond our control can we affect through prayer?
13. How could you help someone who has drifted away from his or her relationship with Christ?
14. How have others helped you when you were drifting in your relationship with Christ?

Apply It

15. What situation or person will you pray for in faith this week?
16. Whom do you know who has been drifting away from the Lord and who needs an encouraging word from you this week?