

# THE POWER OF PRAYER

## James 5:13-16

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*James brings before us four specific areas in which prayer is essential.*

**I. WHEN THERE IS SUFFERING ... PRAY! James 5:13**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**II. WHEN THERE IS SICKNESS ... PRAY! James 5:14-15**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**III. WHEN THERE IS SIN ... PRAY! James 5:16a**

**CONFESS YOUR SINS**

- We must \_\_\_\_\_ of the sin (Revelation 2:5).
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ the sin to God (1 John 1:9).
- If we have wronged others, we must \_\_\_\_\_ this to them and \_\_\_\_\_ their forgiveness (Matthew 5:23-24; James 5:16).
- If we have been wronged by others, we must have a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit toward them (Matthew 6:12, 14-15).

**BIBLICAL CONFESSION GUIDELINES**

- Confession should generally be made to an \_\_\_\_\_.
- If the sin has been against a fellow Christian, it is to that \_\_\_\_\_ that we must make confession.
- If the sin is not against a person, and if it is such that we need to confess it and gain spiritual counsel and support, we must go to a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian.
- The confession must be \_\_\_\_\_, not amorphous (having no definite form; without definite character or nature).
- Confessing sins to one another is not a law, but a divinely given \_\_\_\_\_ and is to be practiced only as God directs.

**IV. WHEN SPECIFIC NEEDS OCCUR ... PRAY! James 5:16b**

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAY “EFFECTIVELY?”**

- It involves \_\_\_\_\_.
- It includes \_\_\_\_\_.
- It embraces \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE RELEVANCE OF JAMES**

1. First, prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Second, prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Third, prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Fourth, prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

**TESTING YOUR PRAYER LIFE**

1. For what do I pray?
2. When do I pray?
3. Am I on praying ground?
4. Do I pray earnestly?
5. Do I pray in faith?