

Powerful Prayer and Pivotal People Notes

James 5:13-20

Main Point: I can make a difference by fervent praying and compassionate persuading.

People of this passage.

1. The _____ person
 - Suffering of any kind.
 - Everyone suffers at times in life.
 - Adverse circumstances.
 - Relational pain.
 - _____ prayer is the key to coping.
 - F.B. Meyer said, "The greatest tragedy is not unanswered prayer, but _____ prayer."
 - Prayer and praise have been called the two greatest _____ in the average church today.
2. The _____ person.
 - The opposite of a suffering person.
 - Is able to see God at _____.
 - Is able to see the _____ picture.
 - The positive is not discounted while experiencing the negative.
 - Is able to give _____ to God through singing praise.
3. The _____ person.
 - Sick means to be _____, weary, incapacitated or without strength.
 - Context suggests sickness was related to suffering and _____.
 - "James was not referring to the bedfast, the diseased, or the ill. Instead he wrote to those who had grown weary, who had become weak both morally and _____ during suffering." - *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*
 - Sickness with adversity is a breeding ground for _____.
 - The sick person is to take the _____ to call the elders.
4. The church _____.
 - Elders are designated, spiritually _____ leaders.
 - They are to be _____ leaders.
 - Anointing with oil was symbolic of God's presence or outpouring of God's Spirit – it does not carry any supernatural qualities.
 - Characterized by _____.
 - The prayer of faith – not a special prayer but a prayer that is characterized by faith.
 - _____ asks.
 - Has _____ in the character of God.
 - Recognized the _____ of God.
 - _____ in the sovereignty of God.
5. The _____.
 - Lord = Boss.
 - Saves, restores, and delivers by His sovereignty.
 - The Lord will raise him up – this cannot be relegated to the physical realm totally, most of us will die of a sickness that God will not heal except with a new body in eternity.
 - Forgives upon _____.
 - One sin often leads to another.
 - This is a special promise to have a clean slate with God (1 John 1:9).

6. The _____ person.
- Identifies _____ sin.
 - Expresses an _____ of sins effects.
 - Seeks forgiveness and _____.
 - Honesty, openness, and voicing our needs creates an atmosphere of healing and strength in the struggle against sin.
 - Choose wisely the person or people you share your struggles with.
 - Experiences _____.
 - Starts to pray for others.
 - Energy for and effectiveness in praying for others comes from _____ living and being at peace with God.
7. The _____ prayer.
- Sees the _____ of others.
 - Desires _____ living.
 - Prays with and for others.
 - Is energetic in praying.
 - Is _____ with God.
8. The example – the prophet _____.
- A spokesman for God.
 - An imperfect but _____ man.
 - Prayed fervently.
 - Faithful.
9. The _____ person.
- Was in the _____ family.
 - _____ from the truth.
 - Can feel betrayed by God and others.
 - Becomes self-oriented rather than God-oriented.
 - Is in spiritual and physical jeopardy.
10. The godly _____.
- Cares about a person's _____.
 - Knows and accepts God's _____.
 - Prays for courage, wisdom, and wording.
 - _____ confronts and lets God take care of the outcome.
 - Knows that change is _____.

Next steps

1. Choose what will be the center of your life, the Savior or circumstances.
2. Intensify your prayer life by depending on God and His promises.
3. Sing the praises of God.
4. Confess sin and return to seeking God and the support of His people.
5. Be willing to lovingly pursue people around you who are on a destructive path.