



James 5:13-18

True Faith Works on our Prayer Life

- I. True faith responds to suffering with _____. (James 5:13a)
- II. True faith responds to good things with _____. (James 5:13b)
- III. True faith asks for _____ when we need it. (James 5:14-16)
- IV. True faith asks for _____ when we owe it. (James 5:16a)
- V. True faith believes in the _____ of prayer. (James 5:16b-17)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What did you find surprising about this passage or sermon?
2. The word for *suffering* found in verse 13 is also used in 2 Timothy 2:9 and 4:5. How do these verses clarify our understanding of this verse?
3. Have you faced suffering for the gospel? How did you react? How might things have been different if you had prayed?
4. Do you sing in response to God's blessings? How can you cultivate this attitude of praise and gratitude?
5. The Catholic church interprets James 5:14-16 as a justification of Extreme Unction. What are some problems with that interpretation?
6. Televangelists use James 5 to support faith healings. What are some problems with that interpretation?
7. How is the forgiveness for sins mentioned in this passage related to or different from salvific forgiveness for sins?
8. This passage is usually translated and interpreted as dealing with physical illness. How does today's teaching suggest that this should be reconsidered?
9. Are there different reasons that a believer might be spiritually fatigued? How can someone know the difference?
10. How do we determine to whom we should make a confession? Why does James recommend including an elder in a confession?

11. God may not offer a guarantee of physical healing – but He *does* offer a guarantee to heal sin...reflect on Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:9, then take advantage of that guarantee.

12. If prayer is better caught than taught – how can you *catch* it?