

Legit Faith Prays Elite Level Prayers!

Legit Faith: All Day, Everyday! Pt. 7

James 5:13-18

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James 5:13, *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*

The Theme Of This Passage Is Not Anointing With Oil, Healing Or Confession. It Is About PRAYER!

Four Facets Of Elite Level Prayer:

1. We Should Pray For Comfort And Praise God For BLESSINGS

James 5:13, *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.*

Philippians 4:6, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

1 Peter 5:6, *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. ⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

2. We Should Pray For Healing And FORGIVENESS

James 5:14, *Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.*

2 Corinthians 12:8, *Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."*

3. We Should Confess Our Sins And Pray With EACH OTHER

James 5:16, *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

Matthew 5:23, *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."*

(1 John 1:9)

Galatians 6:1, *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,*

- Pastor John Mark has started a study on Tuesday mornings for the Men's Bible Study called, "Thriving in Babylon." It starts at 6:00a in room A234.

4. We Should Pray With Righteous **MOTIVES**

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

Matthew 6:9, *"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, ¹⁰Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'*

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