

## James 5:14-16

**14. 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.

- **Mark 6:12-13** "So they went out and \_\_\_\_\_ that people should repent. And they \_\_\_\_\_ out many \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ many who were \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them."
- **Luke 4:40** "Now when the sun was setting, all those who had anyone \_\_\_\_\_ with various \_\_\_\_\_ brought them to Him; and He \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ one of them and \_\_\_\_\_ them."
- **Matthew 9:29-30 & 35** "Then He touched their eyes, saying, ' \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_ let it be to you. And their eyes were opened....." (Verse 35) "And \_\_\_\_\_ went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_ among the people."

**Definition: "CALL for the ELDERS of the CHURCH"** - "Elder" in the New Testament usually means pastor, also called a "bishop", but in this context, it means **ANY of the older leaders in the church**. Notice where the responsibility lies - NOT in the elders, but in the person who is sick! **If you are sick, and you are just waiting around** for the "Elders of the Church" to drop by and pray for you, that may never happen. **The responsibility here is for the SICK PERSON to "CALL for the ELDERS"**, because that shows they have faith in God's system of authority in the church.

- **Acts 11:30** "This they also did, and sent it to the \_\_\_\_\_ by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."
- **Titus 1:5-9** "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ in every city as I commanded you - if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_, as a steward of God, \_\_\_\_\_ self-willed, \_\_\_\_\_ quick-tempered, \_\_\_\_\_ given to wine, \_\_\_\_\_ violent, \_\_\_\_\_ greedy for money, but hospitable, a \_\_\_\_\_ of what is \_\_\_\_\_, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful \_\_\_\_\_ as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to \_\_\_\_\_ and convict those who contradict."

**15. And the PRAYER of FAITH** will save the sick, and **the LORD will RAISE him UP**. And if he has committed sins, **he will be FORGIVEN**.

- **Hebrews 11:1** "Now \_\_\_\_\_ is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ NOT \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Mark 5:34** "And He said to her, 'Daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ has made you \_\_\_\_\_; go in peace, and be \_\_\_\_\_ of your affliction.'"
- **Matthew 8:10 & 13** "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, 'Assuredly I say to you, I have not found such great \_\_\_\_\_, not even in Israel! (Verse 13) "Then Jesus said to the Centurion, 'Go your way; and as you have \_\_\_\_\_, so let it be done for you. And his servant was \_\_\_\_\_ that same hour.'"

**Definition: "The PRAYER of FAITH"** - It is not the laying on of the elders' hands, or the anointing of the oil that heals a sick person, but rather **the "prayer of faith" that**

**releases the POWER of GOD** to heal. **What does it mean to PRAY IN FAITH?** We must believe that God has heard us and is answering our prayer. Some say, "My faith is weak," but it doesn't take great faith to believe in a God who never fails. Mark 11:22 says, "Have faith in God." God's word also tells us that nothing is too hard for our God to do or accomplish - "Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and Your outstretched arm! NOTHING is TOO DIFFICULT for You." "Behold, **I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is ANYTHING too DIFFICULT for Me?**" (Jeremiah 32:17 & 27). Remember, fear is the opposite of faith. Do not have fear, but have complete trust without doubt, and commit it all into His loving care. This might be **a sample kind of prayer** of faith: "Thank You, Lord, for ALL YOUR BENEFITS, which INCLUDE FORGIVENESS OF SINS and HEALING for my body. I need healing, and so I ask You to heal me. I believe Your promises, that You are HEALING ME, RESTORING ME, RAISING ME UP, and FORGIVING ALL MY SINS right now, in the name of Jesus."

- **Mark 10:27** "But looking at them, \_\_\_\_\_ said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with \_\_\_\_\_; for \_\_\_\_\_ all things are \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- **Luke 1:37** "For with God \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_."
- **James 1:6-8** "But let him \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, with no \_\_\_\_\_, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let \_\_\_\_\_ that man suppose that he will \_\_\_\_\_ anything from the Lord; he is a mind double-minded man, \_\_\_\_\_ in all his ways."
- **Luke 17:19** "And He said to him, ' \_\_\_\_\_, and go your way; your \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- **Mark 11:24** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ that you \_\_\_\_\_ them, and you will have them."
- **I John 5:4** "For whatever is born of God \_\_\_\_\_ the world; and this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that has overcome the world -- our \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "If he has COMMITTED SINS, he will be FORGIVEN"** - By holding onto guilt, fear, and unbelief, and by not realizing or believing that **Jesus took ALL of your sins upon Himself**, you may hinder your own healing. **You may feel "unworthy"** for God to heal you, but God's word here says those sins, whatever they may be, if you confess them and repent, will be forgiven! **Don't let your "feelings" get in the way of what God's word says. You must choose to believe God's word over and above your own feelings and emotions**, and over and above any condemnation from the devil. Satan would like nothing better than to keep God's people sick and weak, so that they cannot serve God fully. **You must not buy into Satan's guilt trips and condemnation.** You are a Child of God, and God's promises of healing belong to you!

- **Psalms 103:2-3** "Bless the \_\_\_\_\_, O my soul, and forget not \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_: Who \_\_\_\_\_ all your iniquities (sins); Who \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Luke 5:17-20 & 24-25** "Now it happened on a certain day, as He was \_\_\_\_\_, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ was present to \_\_\_\_\_ them. Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was \_\_\_\_\_. And they sought to bring him in and lay him before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before \_\_\_\_\_. So when He saw \_\_\_\_\_, He said to him, 'Man, your \_\_\_\_\_'."

\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ you." (Verses 24-25) "But that you may \_\_\_\_\_ that the Son of Man has power (authority) on earth to \_\_\_\_\_ sins'---He said to the man who was \_\_\_\_\_, 'I say to you \_\_\_\_\_, take up your \_\_\_\_\_, and go home.' Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "Will SAVE the SICK"** - Some people get confused when it says "save" the sick. They think it is speaking of eternal salvation and going to heaven. No, in this context, the word "save" means to "heal" and be made whole. The Greek word is "Sozo", which the Strong's Concordance and Greek Dictionary says the meaning of is: to save, deliver or protect; **to HEAL**, preserve, do well, **be MADE WHOLE, make WHOLE.**

**16. CONFESS your trespasses TO ONE ANOTHER, and pray for one another, that YOU may be HEALED.** The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man **AVAILS MUCH.**

- **Acts 19:17-18** "This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ was magnified. And many who had \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Proverbs 28:13** "He who \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ will not prosper, but whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and forsakes them will have mercy."
- **I John 1:8-9** "If we say that we have no \_\_\_\_\_, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, He is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**Definition: "CONFESS your trespasses TO ONE ANOTHER, and PRAY for ONE ANOTHER"** - Confessing our sins to another Christian is very humbling in some cases, but oh! how healthy, for it is essential for our healing and our walk with the Lord. James 5:16 says to "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, **that YOU may be HEALED**". Being open and honest about our sins, and confessing them and **getting rid of any "hidden sins"** is a big part of the healing process, both physically and emotionally. When confessing to God, remember that God knows all about it already. In I John 1:9, God says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Now, we can heal for real! Then, in praying for others, **we get the focus off of ourselves and get rid of self pity**, and God is able to bless and restore us. The book of Job is all about the suffering of a godly man who trusted in God, and his suffering included a physical illness (Job 2:5-10). We tend to focus so much on how Job went through his time of testing and suffering, but we sometimes forget that **God HEALED him and RESTORED everything that he had lost**, including twice as much of his material wealth, **WHEN he FORGAVE and PRAYED for his friends** (Job 42:10-17).

- **Luke 15:18-21** "I will arise and go to my father, and will \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 'Father, I have \_\_\_\_\_ against heaven and before \_\_\_\_\_, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his \_\_\_\_\_. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had \_\_\_\_\_, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 'Father, I have \_\_\_\_\_ against heaven and in \_\_\_\_\_ sight.....'"
- **Job 42:10** "And the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Job's losses when he \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Job \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as he had before."

**Definition: "The EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER of a righteous man AVAILS MUCH"** - The word "fervent" means burning, glowing, intensely devoted, earnest or

passionate. "Avails" means to be worthwhile, effective, helpful, or accomplishing an end. **Effective prayer** means prayer that gets answered, that gets the job done. According to I John 1:9, God says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and **to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" Therefore, because God says He will cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness when we confess our sins, we now stand in the place of that "righteous man" of James 5:16, whose prayers are effective! What a blessing to have your prayers become truly effective, because those sins or unforgiveness towards others are no longer a hindrance to prayer. **Refusing to REPENT of SIN in your life**, holding onto sin of any kind, and refusing to repent and give it up, will greatly hinder your prayers. In Psalm 66:18, it says "If I regard wickedness in my heart", which means if I "CHERISH" or hold onto a favorite sin, and am not willing to give it up to God, He will not hear me. Also, **harboring resentment and bitterness in your heart is a sin**, and your prayers will be hindered until you FORGIVE whoever has hurt or offended you!

- **Mark 11:25** "And whenever you stand \_\_\_\_\_, if you have anything \_\_\_\_\_ anyone, \_\_\_\_\_ him, that your Father in heaven may also \_\_\_\_\_ you your trespasses."
- **Psalm 66:18** "If I \_\_\_\_\_ iniquity (sin, wickedness) in my \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord will not \_\_\_\_\_; but certainly God has \_\_\_\_\_ me; He has attended to the voice of my \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I John 3:22** "And whatever we \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ from Him, because we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ those things that are \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Peter 3:12** "For the eyes of the Lord are on the \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_ are open to their \_\_\_\_\_; but the face of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ those who do evil."
- **Psalm 34:17** "The righteous \_\_\_\_\_ out, and the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, and delivers them out of all their \_\_\_\_\_."