

A FAITH THAT CAN HEAL ILLNESSES

"Are you HURTING? Then you should PRAY. Are you happy? Then you should sing songs of praise. Are you SICK? Then you should call the church elders to PRAY over you and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord. And the PRAYER offered in faith will heal the SICK PERSON; the Lord will raise him up. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven. Therefore CONFESS your faults to each other and PRAY for each other so that you may be HEALED. The earnest PRAYER of a believing person is powerful and effective. For example, Elijah was a human being just like us. Yet when he PRAYED earnestly that no rain would fall, so there was no rain three and a half years! Then, he PRAYED that it would rain, and it poured down and everything began to grow again!"
James 5:13-18

I. WHEN SHOULD I PRAY FOR HEALING?

- "Are you hurting?" (kakopatheo) = having trouble, suffering
- "Are you sick?" (ästheneo) = feeling weak or sick
- "The sick person" (kamno) = weary and feel like giving up

ANYTIME I'M _____

1. WHEN I AM _____ .
"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray." (vs. 13a)
2. WHEN I AM _____ .
"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him, and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven." (vs. 14-15)
Note: three kinds of sickness in the Bible
3. WHEN I AM _____ .
"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." (vs. 16a)

II. WHY AREN'T PEOPLE HEALED EVERY TIME?

- o We don't know God's will!
- o God uses illness in many ways:

1. TO _____
"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."
Psalm 119:71 (NIV)

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."
Prov. 20:30 (TEV)

2. TO _____
"I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has helped spread the Good News."
Phil. 1:12 (NCV)

Jesus: "This sickness will not end in death. It is an illness for the glory of God, to bring glory to the Son of God."
John 11:4 (NCV)

3. TO TAKE US _____ BEFORE JESUS RETURNS
"God has already appointed a time that each of us will die and then our lives will be judged by God."
Hebrews 9:27

III. WHAT KIND OF PERSON CAN PRAY?

"Elijah was a man just like us ..." (vs.17a)
See 1 Kings 19:1-10; 18:42-45

IV. HOW CAN I PRAY EFFECTIVELY?

1. I must _____
"You do not have, because you do not ask God"
James 4:2
2. I must _____
"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."
James 4:3
3. I must _____
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"
James 5:16b

"If I hide iniquity [sin] in my heart then the Lord will not hear."
Psalm 66:18
4. I must _____
"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt..."
James 1:6