

**HOW TO PRAY ABOUT PROBLEMS**  
(Sermon series on the Book of James #12)

**Introduction:** James, the \_\_\_\_\_!

James 5:16 (NIV) "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

**THREE TIMES I SHOULD PRAY.....**

**1. WHEN I AM HURTING \_\_\_\_\_.**

James 5:13a (NIV) "Is anyone of you in trouble? He should pray."

- Trouble (kako pathei) means to suffer \_\_\_\_\_.

James 5:13b (NIV) "Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise."

- "Praise" is used \_\_\_ times in the Bible.
- Life is a series of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. WHEN I AM HURTING \_\_\_\_\_.**

James 5:14-15(NIV) "Is anyone 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."

- Sick (asthenei) means without \_\_\_\_\_.
- Three kinds of sickness in the Bible
  1. Sickness for \_\_\_\_\_. ( I John 5:16)
  2. Sickness for \_\_\_\_\_. (I Corinthians 11:28-32)
  3. Sickness for God's \_\_\_\_\_. ( John 11:4)
- Three attitudes toward healing
  1. \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_.

- Three observations by James.
  1. Belong to a local \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Use \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Trust in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. WHEN I AM HURTING \_\_\_\_\_.

James 5:16 (NIV) “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

- Four observations by James.
  1. Every illness does not relate to a specific \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. But sometimes sin will cause \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. It is always in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to heal.
  4. It is not always in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to heal.

### **CONCLUSION: THREE CONDITIONS FOR PRAYING EFFECTIVELY**

1. I must \_\_\_\_\_.

James 4:2 (NIV) “You do not have because you do not ask God.”

2. I must have the \_\_\_\_\_.

James 4:3 (NIV) “When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with the wrong motive, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

3. I must ask in \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:6 (NIV) “but when he asks, he must believe.”

James 5:16 (NIV) “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”