

Lesson 6

James 5:7-20

Quiz 5
[Based on Lesson 5: James 4:7-5:6]

1. **James' words in 4:9 contradicts Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:16.** T F
2. **James' words in 4:11-12 is command against _____.**
 - a. Passing any kind of judgment
 - b. Developing a judgmental spirit
3. **According to Leviticus 19:16-18 and Matthew 18:15-17, confronting other Christians directly when they are walking in sin is a command to be obeyed and also an active expression of love for them.** T F
4. **James' words in 4:13-17 is a prohibition against _____.**
 - a. All kinds of planning
 - b. Arrogant planning that neglects the will of God
5. **According to 5:4, it does matter to God how we gain our wealth.** T F

Test # 14. TRUE FAITH EXHIBITS PATIENCE [5:7-11]

⁷ *Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.* ⁸ *You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.* ⁹ *Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!* ¹⁰ *Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.* ¹¹ *As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

James, by appealing to the farmer, the prophets and Job as examples of patience, counsels Christians to patiently wait for the coming of the Lord, and to establish their hearts.

1. Be patient until the coming of the Lord
 - a. Consider the patience of the farmer
 - b. Stand firm, for the coming of the Lord is at hand
2. Do not grumble against one another
 - a. Lest you be judged
 - b. The Judge is standing at the door
3. Remember the examples of patience in the face of suffering
 - a. Such as the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord and are blessed for their perseverance
 - b. Such as the perseverance of Job, to whom the Lord proved very compassionate and merciful at the end

Test # 15. TRUE FAITH SPEAKS THE TRUTH [5:12]

¹² *Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned.*

James warns against grumbling against one another and swearing rash oaths.

1. Above all, do not swear (make rash oaths)
 - a. Either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath
 - b. Let your "Yes" mean "Yes," and your "No" mean "No"
 - c. Lest you fall into condemnation

Test # 16. TRUE FAITH PERSISTS IN PRAYER [5:13-18]

¹³ Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

In this section, James calls for the suffering to pray, the cheerful to sing praises and for the sick to call for the elders of the church to pray for them. In answer to the prayer of faith, the Lord will raise the sick and also forgive sins if they had been committed. In this context James encourages Christians to confess their sins to one another and pray for one another that they may be healed. He reminds them of the value of fervent prayer by the righteous, using Elijah as an example of how God answers prayer providentially.

1. If anyone is in trouble, let him pray
2. If anyone is happy, let him sing songs of praise
3. If anyone is sick, let him call for the elders of the church
 - a. Let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord
 - b. The prayer of faith will save (heal) the sick, and the Lord will raise him up
 - c. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven
 - d. Confess your sins to each another and pray for one another
 1. That you may be healed
 2. For the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective
 - a. The example of Elijah, a man just like us
 - b. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and no rain fell for three and a half years
 - c. He prayed again, the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops

Test # 17. TRUE FAITH DISPLAYS CONCERN FOR OTHERS [5:19-20]

¹⁹ *My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back,* ²⁰ *remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

James closes his short epistle with a reminder that turning a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins

1. He who turns back one who wanders from the truth
 - a. Will save him from death
 - b. Will cover a multitude of sins

Quiz 6
[Based on Lesson 6: James 5:7-20]

1. According to 5:7-11, if a Christian is patient during times of suffering, he will surely experience earthly deliverance. T F
2. According to 5:12, a Christian can never make oaths. T F
3. According to 5:15, God guarantees physical healing for every Christian. T F
4. Give one scripture example that refers to a Christian not being healed _____.
5. Give one scripture example that refers to the fact that sickness is not always a result of sin _____.
6. According to 5:19-20, true love for others will outwardly show itself in a willingness to confront their sin. T F