

PRACTICAL LESSONS TO LIVE BY
“Prayer That Has Power!”

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James 5:13-20

1. WHEN SHOULD I PRAY?

A. You Should Pray When Hurting *Emotionally*.

“Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray.” (v. 13)

“In my distress I call upon the Lord.” (Psalm 18:4)

B. You Should Pray When Hurting *Physically*.

“Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well.” (vs. 14-15 NLT)

“Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well.” (v. 15a NLT)

C. You Should Pray When Hurting *Spiritually*.

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (v. 16 NLT)

2. WHO SHOULD PRAY?

“Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.” (vs. 17-18 NLT)

3. HOW SHOULD I PRAY?

A. *Ask*

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

B. Ask With the Right *Motive*

“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)

C. Ask With the Right *Heart*

“The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and produces wonderful results.” (v. 16b NLT)

“If I hide (conceal) iniquity (sin) in my heart then the Lord will not hear.” (Psalm 66:18)

“God detests the prayers of a person who ignores the law.” (Proverbs 28:9 NLT)

“It is your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.” (Isaiah 59:2 NLT)

D. Ask With *Faith*