



LESSON TEN: Genuine Prayer (James 5:9-20)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine prayer. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Prayerful Christians Endure With Perseverance (vs.9-11)

- A. We can endure without grumbling.
- B. We can endure throughout suffering.
- C. We can endure to see a blessing.

II. Prayerful Christians Consider All Vows/Oaths (v.12)

- A. The tongue can compromise our integrity.
- B. The tongue can hinder our influence.
- C. The tongue can seal our eternal judgment.

III. Prayerful Christians React In All Circumstances (v.13)

- A. When we are suffering, we should pray.
- B. When we are cheerful, we should sing psalms.
- C. When we are struggling, we should know what to do.

IV. Prayerful Christians Believe, Confess, and Repent (vs.14-18)

- A. We need to pray in faith.
- B. We need to confess our sins.
- C. We need to change our lifestyle.

V. Prayerful Christians Restore The Erring (vs.19-20)

- A. We need to seek out those who wander away.
- B. We need to focus on saving souls from death.
- C. We need to help cover a multitude of sins.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine prayer. Will you follow James' advice?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Prayer"