

The Trial of Our Faith Pt 16

Real Religion Requires Endurance

The Proper Use of the Tongue

James 5:13-20

Now, James turns to the positive use of the tongue.

In **verse 13**, the tongue should be used in prayer and praises to God.

In **verses 14-15**, the one who is weak and without strength should call for the elders, who will pray for him.

In **verses 16-18**, James gives a more general exhortation to confess our sins to one another and to pray for one another (using Elijah as an example of the power of prayer).

In **verses 19 and 20**, James concludes his epistle with the finest use of the tongue – restoring one who has strayed from the truth.

1. The natural response to _____ is often expressed in inappropriate speech.

1 Peter 2:18-25; Romans 12:17-21

Adversity should draw us _____ God, and prayer should be our first response to our trials.

Philippians 4:6-8;

In ancient times, oil was actually employed as a healing agent. Luke 10:34

First, unreconciled relationships _____ prayer: 1 Peter 3:7

Second, James is stressing _____.

James is not saying that many saints should be praying, or that one man is praying many prayers; he is stressing the fact that the one man who is praying his one prayer is righteous. Confession of sin is important, then, because it heals relationships and because it is essential for righteousness.

Proverbs 11:30

If James has caused you to see that your profession of faith is empty, then cling to Christ and His work on the cross for your salvation.