Don't Forget to Pray

James 5:13-20

No matter what life brings your way, don't forget to pray

• Pray when you are down (13a)

When we go through difficult seasons, we are tempted to complain (9) or swear (12). Instead, we should pray.

• Pray when you are up (13b)

When we go through positive seasons, we are tempted to forget God. Instead, we should praise God.

• Pray when you are sick and discouraged (14-15)

During times of weakness—physical, spiritual, emotional—we should ask the elders of the church to pray for us.

• Pray for each other (16)

When we sin, we tend to isolate ourselves from others. Instead, we are to confess our sin and ask others to pray for us.

• Pray for those who wander away (19-20)

Any believer can stumble and stray from the truth. We need to pray for restoration and renewal.

• Powerful prayer comes from godly lives (16-18)

Pure (16)

A righteous person is one who has confessed their sins, been forgiven, and is living an obedient life.

o Passionate (17)

Elijah prayed fervently, literally, he "prayed with prayer."

o Persistent (18)

When we pray, we are to keep praying until we receive an answer.