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# **THE GOSPEL AND SELF-DISCLOSURE**

## **Lesson 22**

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# James 5:13-20

**“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save**

**the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

**Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders**

**from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”**

**~ James 5:13-20**

**The more I open my  
life up to others, the  
more I experience  
grace-filled counsel,  
encouragement, hope,  
healing and prayer.**



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of Christ’s love in  
companionship with such  
saints, I give thanks for the  
gospels role in forcing my  
hand toward self-disclosure  
and the freedom that  
follows.”**

**~ Milton Vincent**

1. Sickness and suffering  
are a summons to pray.

**“Could it be that shepherds are to carry out their doctrinal, spiritual oversight of the church by living in such constant fullness of the Spirit that they are likely candidates for whatever gift is called for in their ministry? And could it be sickness is such a frequent**

**misery among the sheep of God  
that the shepherds will take it  
as their normal responsibility to  
be zealous for gifts of faith and  
healing after the pattern of the  
chief shepherd Jesus Christ?”**

~ John Piper

Sermon entitled, *The Elders, the People and the Prayer of Faith*

1. Sickness and suffering are a summons to pray.
2. A wandering brother needs a faithful friend to call him back from his wandering.

**“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”**

**~ James 5:19-20**



DONT TREAD ON ME

# I. Why Do We Have To “One Another” Anyway?



**“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’...”**

**~ 1 Corinthians 12:21**

# **II. Recovering Our Vision For A Holistic Accountability**

**“Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you**

**through the Lord Jesus. For  
this is the will of God, your  
sanctification...Now concerning  
brotherly love you have no  
need for anyone to write to you,  
for you yourselves have been  
taught by God to love one  
another, for that indeed is what  
you are doing to all the**

**brothers throughout  
Macedonia. *But we urge you,  
brothers, to do this more and  
more...***”

~ 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3; 9-10

# 1. Principles of Biblical accountability.

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- We speak into each other's lives not only when things are falling apart; but when things are going well, too.

**“Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that the only people who need to be called to account are those who have one foot in sin already.**

**We think that if a person is doing well the only thing they need is either to be praised or perhaps they need nothing at**



**all from us. We tend to think of exhortations and promptings and urgings as things you use only for the wayward. I say that's a mistake because experience and Scripture teach us that every believer needs regular exhortations, and challenges, and wakening calls,**

**and stirrings, and inspiration,  
and warnings, and cautions.”**

~ John Piper

Sermon entitled, *A Model of Covenant Exhortation*

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**“Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,**

**and every tongue shall  
confess to God.’ So then  
each of us will give account  
of himself to God.”**

**~ Romans 14:10-12**

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- Love is the motive.

- We keep our eyes on Jesus.

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Jesus...”**

~ 1 Thessalonians 4:1

**“It’s easy to forget the real purpose of anything that’s as habitual as the activities of the spiritual life. And purposeless spiritual practices become dry routines that shrivel our souls...we pursue *outward***

**conformity to Christlikeness  
as we practice the same  
disciplines he practiced.  
More importantly, we pursue  
intimacy with Jesus and the  
inner transformation to  
Christlikeness when we look  
to him *through* the spiritual**

disciplines...authentic  
***Christ-ian spirituality is  
about Jesus Christ.”***

~ Donald Whitney  
*Simplify Your Spiritual Life, pgs. 27-28*

# III. So How About You?

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**“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”**

**~ 2 Corinthians 11:3**

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