

Questions

1. What are some areas of potential division that James' letter has exposed?
2. In this closing section, James again addresses our speech to one another, as he has previously (1:26; 3:1-12; 4:11-12; 5:9). Why are words and speech such a focal point? What's the greatest struggle you have with things you say?
3. When it comes to being truthful, is there an area where you are especially tempted to sin (exaggerating, half-truths, lying)?
4. How is your prayer life? How was it this past week? Do you need help in this area? If so, stop now and confess that to God and ask Him to grow you in your devotion to prayer.
5. In light of the context, and knowing how the world can recoil from the sick, what is happening when the elders of the church go to one who is sick, anoint that person and pray over him or her?
6. What are some practical ways to maintain a biblical balance in how we think about a possible connection between sin and sickness?
7. Do you ever hesitate to confess your sin to another believer for fear of their reaction? How do you respond when a brother or sister confesses sin to you?
8. How can you better encourage a brother or sister in Christ to speak the truth to you and to offer correction if you are drifting from the truth?

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Strengthening Our Unity

James 5:12-20

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James 5:12-20 speaks to believers about building a deep sense of community through communication. Having warned against speech that causes disunity, James now shows four ways that our speech can strengthen our connections to one another.

Four Qualities That Should Characterize Our Communication

1. Be Truthful (5:12)

3. Be Humble (5:16)

2. Be Prayerful (5:13-18)

4. Be Accountable (5:19-20)