

Series: Nuts & Bolts Christianity

Title: Living Faith and Reality

Text: (James 5)

I. Prosperity: (Vs 1-6)

(1 Tim 6:10) For the Love of money is the root of all evil:

A. Stagnant Wealth: (Vs 1-3) (Ecc 5:13)

B. Sinful Wealth: (Vs 4)

C. Selfish Wealth: (Vs 5-6)

II. Patience: (Vs 7-12)

A. Day of Reckoning: (Vs 1)

(Vs 3) Could have made a difference but didn't.

(Vs 4) Defraud:

B. Day of Rewarding: (Vs 7-8) "*draweth nigh*"

III. Prayer: (Vs 13-18)

A. This is a challenge to Pray:

1. The Purpose of Prayer: Is Asking God!

(James 4:2b)

a. Crisis management Christianity! (Ps 50:14-15)

b. It needs to be a daily thing. (Ps 86:3)

c. We need to ask daily! (Matt 7:7-11, Mark 11:24)

2. Pray for the Afflicted: (James 5:13) (James 4:6a)

3. Pray for the Sick: (James 5:14-15)

4. Pray for Confession of Sin: (James 5:15b)

B. The Persistency of Prayer: (James 5:16)

1. I have to Pray IN FAITH: (1 Jn 5:14-15)

a. God is a Prayer answering God.

i. He likes to answer our prayers: (Matt 7:7-11)

ii. He likes coming to the Rescue: (1 Chron 16:9)

2. I have to Pray Fervently:

C. The Prerequisite of Prayer: (James 5:16) *Righteous*

1. Positional Righteousness-Saved

(Rom 10:9-10, Rom 3:22)

2. Practical Righteousness- (1 Pet 1:16)

i. Is Your prayer life is hindered by sin: (1 Jn 3:22)

ii. Are you Out of sorts w/our spouses: (1 Pet 3:7)

iii. Are you Right with your neighbor: (Jam 5:16)

(Is 59:1-2)(Ps 66:18)

D. The Power of Prayer: (Vs 16-18) "*Availeth Much*"

1. Prayer is as Big as God is

2. Prayer is as Strong as God is: (James 5:17-18)

Challenged to Ask for the Impossible: (Jer 33:2-3)

Create an Impossible Prayer List: (Matt 19:26)(Mk 9:23)

IV. Prodigals: (Vs 19-20) (Gal 6:1)

A. Fervent Prayer is as Timeless as God Is: (Jn 17:20-21)

B. Paul's Prayers are still being answered:

(Rom 15:5-6, 13) (Eph 1:16-19) (Eph 3:16-19)

(Phil 1:9-11) (Col 1:9-12) (2 Thes 1:11-12)

C. Fill the Golden Vials of Heaven: (Rev 5:8)(Rev 8:3-4)

D. Establish a New Legacy of Faith in your family:

1. Pray over your Descendants: Pray IT Forward!

Because prayer is as Big as God is.

Because Prayer is as Powerful as God is.

Because Prayer can Reach as far a God can reach.