



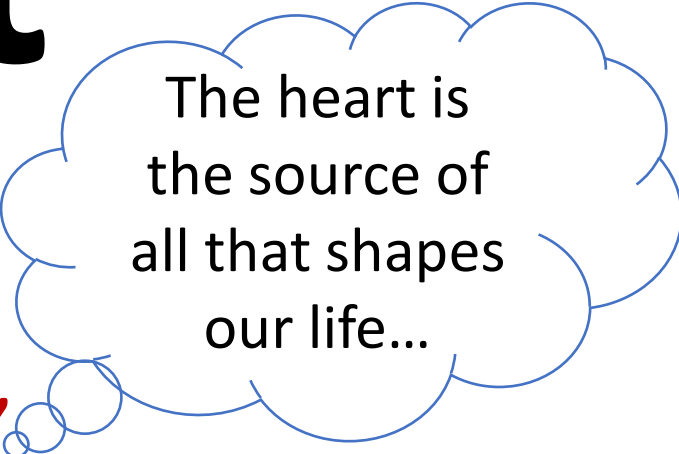
James 5: 12-20

Even MORE  
important wisdom

# The Heart

Keep your heart with all diligence,  
For out of it spring the issues of life.

(Proverbs 4:23)



The heart is  
the source of  
all that shapes  
our life...

## Verse 12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear...

(James 5:12)

### ➤ What is swearing?

- It is **not** bad language
- It is using something or someone higher than yourself to “prove” you are speaking the truth
- Foolish customs... (Matthew 23:16-22)

### ➤ Swearing in the Bible

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment (Exodus 20:7)
- In the Law (Exodus 22:11)
- By God Himself (Hebrews 6:16-18)

### ➤ Why “above all”?

- An easy sin
- In difficult times...
- Take heed!



## Verse 12

### The Lord Jesus said:

Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, *'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'*

But **I say to you, do not swear at all:** neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.

But **let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'** For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

(Matthew 5:33-37)

**Verse 13** Living in godliness...

THE BOOK OF  
PSALMS

Is anyone among you suffering?

- Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful?

- Let him sing psalms.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you be brought from the way, when his wrath is kindled against you. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

The security of God's promise

3 LORD, how are they increased, how many are they that rise up against you! How many there be which say,

## Verse 14

Is anyone among you sick?

(James 5:14)

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 sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

And **IF** he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

(James 5:14-15)

## Two Questions:-

### ➤ Is all sickness because of sin?

- 1 Timothy 5:23
- 2 Corinthians 12:8-9
- Galatians 4:13

### ➤ Does all sin result in sickness?

- 1 Corinthians 11:30-32
- 1 Timothy 5:24
- Hebrews 12:5-11

## Verse 16a Living in godliness...

**Confess** your trespasses **to one another**,  
and **pray for one another**, that you may be healed.  
(James 5:16a)

### **Remember Corinth...**

For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.  
(1 Corinthians 11:30)



## Verse 16b Living in godliness...

- **The prayer** of a **righteous person** has great power **as it is working**. (ESV)
- **The effective, fervent prayer** of a **righteous man** avails much. (NKJV)
- **The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer** of a **righteous man** makes tremendous power **available [is dynamic in its working]**. (AMP)

**"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and **there He prayed**.

(Mark 1:35)

And it happened, as He was **alone praying**...

(Luke 9:18)

He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness **and prayed**.  
(Luke 5:16)

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and **continued all night in prayer to God**.  
(Luke 6:12)

**As He prayed**, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.  
(Luke 9:29)

**Verse 17-18**

# Remember **Elijah**

**He was just like us...**

## **Verse 19-20**

**Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth,  
and someone turns him back,  
let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way  
will save a soul from death  
and cover a multitude of sins.**

(James 5:19-20)



# The Letter from James

**James, a bondservant of God  
and of the Lord Jesus Christ...**

(James 1:1)

**Be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only...**

(James 1:22)

**The tongue ... is an unruly evil,  
full of deadly poison.**

(James 3:8)

**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord**

(James 4:10)

**Be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.**

(James 5:7)

**If any of you lacks wisdom,  
let him ask of God...**

(James 1:5)

If you show partiality,  
you commit sin...

(James 2:9)

**The wisdom that is from above  
is first pure, ...**

(James 3:17)

What is your life?  
It is even a vapor...

(James 4:14)

**Faith by itself,  
if it does not have works,  
is dead.**

(James 2:17)

**Let every man be swift to hear,  
slow to speak, slow to wrath**

(James 1:19)

**Friendship with the world  
is enmity with God.**

(James 4:4)

**The effective, fervent prayer  
of a righteous man avails much**

(James 5:16)



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