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James 1

James 1:1

ULT	UST
James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes that are in the dispersion: Rejoice!	*I, James, serve God and the Lord Jesus the Messiah. I am writing this letter to you who believe in Jesus and are living in various parts of the Roman Empire. I greet you all.*

To whom did James write this letter?

James wrote this letter to the twelve tribes that were scattered.

James 1:2

ULT	UST
Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various trials,	*My fellow believers, consider it something to rejoice over greatly when you experience various kinds of hardships.*

When experiencing troubles, what attitude does James say his readers should have?

James says to consider it all joy when experiencing troubles.

James 1:3

ULT	UST
knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.	*Understand that as you trust God in hardships, this helps you to become a stronger person.*

What does the testing of our faith produce?

The testing of our faith produces endurance.

James 1:5

ULT	UST
Now if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, the one giving to all generously and not reproaching, and it will be given to him.	*If anyone of you needs to know what to do, let him ask God, and God will tell him. God gives generously to everyone. God does not scold people who ask for things.*

For what should we ask from God if we need it?

We should ask God for wisdom if we need it.

James 1:6

ULT	UST
But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing, for the one doubting has become like a wave of the sea, wind-blown and tossed.	*But when you pray to God, you must trust him to answer you. Do not doubt that he will answer and help you. People who doubt God first decide to do one thing, but then they want to do something else. They never settle on a single course of action.*

What is a doubter like?

Someone who doubts is like a wave in the sea that is tossed around by the wind.

James 1:7-8

What should someone who asks with doubting expect to receive?

Someone who asks with doubting should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

James 1:10

ULT	UST
but the rich in his lowliness, because he will pass away like a flower of the grass.	*But believers who have a lot of money should be glad that God has humbled them by showing them that their wealth does not make them better than other people. After all, like wildflowers that bloom for only a short time and then wither, rich believers will die like anyone else.*

Why should the rich be humble?

The rich should be humble because he will pass away just like the flowers.

James 1:11

ULT	UST
For the sun rose with the heat and dried up the grass, and its flower fell off and the beauty of its face perished. Thus also the rich will wither in his journeys.	*A wildflower only lasts a short time because when the sun rises, its scorching heat dries out the plants so that their flowers fall off. They are no longer beautiful. Like the flower that dies, rich people will die while they are trying to make money.*

To what can the rich be compared?

The rich can be compared to the flower of the grass that dries up, falls off, and perishes.

James 1:12

ULT	UST
Blessed is a man who endures trial. For, becoming approved, he will receive the crown of life, which he promised to the ones loving him.	*God honors those who remain faithful to him in difficult circumstances. Indeed, God will reward them by having them live forever. That is what God has promised to do for all who love him.*

Those who pass the test of faith will receive what?

Those who pass the test of faith will receive the crown of life.

James 1:14

ULT	UST
But each one is tempted by his own desire, dragged away and enticed.	*But people want to do evil because of their own desires. When they do, it is just as if they had fallen into a trap.*

What causes a person to be tempted by evil?

A person’s own evil desires cause him to be tempted by evil.

James 1:15

ULT	UST
Then the desire, having conceived, bears sin, and the sin, having grown up, gives birth to death.	*Then, because they have desired to do evil things, they begin to do them, and eventually they do them habitually. If they do not turn away from their sinful behavior, they will be separated from God forever.*

What is the result of full-grown sin?

The result of full-grown sin is death.

James 1:17

ULT	UST
Every good present and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change or shadow of turning.	*Every truly good and perfect gift comes from God the Father, who is in heaven. He created the sun, moon, and stars. But God does not change the way shadows change, appearing and disappearing. God never changes. He is always good!*

What comes down from the Father of lights?

Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights.

James 1:18

ULT	UST
Having willed, he gave birth to us by the word of truth, for us to be something like a firstfruits of his creatures.	*God became our spiritual father when we trusted in his true message. That was what he wanted to do. So now believers in Jesus have become the first people to experience the kind of relationship with God that many more people will have in the future.*

By what means did God choose to give us life?

God chose to give us life by the word of truth.

James 1:19

ULT	UST
Know, my beloved brothers: But let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.	*My fellow believers whom I love, I want you to know that every one of you should listen patiently to what others have to say. You should speak your own thoughts carefully. You should control your anger,*

What does James tell us to do about our hearing, speaking, and emotions?

James tells us to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

James 1:22

ULT	UST
But be doers of the word and not only hearers, deluding yourselves.	*It is important to what God commands, do not just listen to it. People who only listen to it and do not obey it are fooling themselves into thinking that this will save them.*

How does James say that we can deceive ourselves?

James says that we can deceive ourselves by hearing the word and not doing it.

James 1:26

ULT	UST
If anyone thinks to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, the religion of that one is worthless.	*Some people think that they worship God properly, but they say bad things. Those people are wrong in what they are thinking. God is not impressed with our worship activities if we continually say bad things.*

What must be controlled in order for us to be truly religious?

The tongue must be controlled in order for us to be truly religious.

James 1:27

ULT	UST
Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to look upon orphans and widows in their distress, to keep oneself unstained by the world.	*One of the things that God has told us to do is to take care of orphans and widows who suffer hardship. People who do that truly worship God, who is our Father. People are also truly worshiping God if they do not think or act immorally like others who do not obey God. God approves of people who do these things.*

What is pure and undefiled religion before God?

Pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the fatherless and widows, and to protect ourselves from the world’s corruption.

James 2

James 2:1

ULT	UST
My brothers, do not with favoritism have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory.	*My fellow believers, do not honor some people more than others and at the same time trust in our great Lord Jesus the Messiah.*

What attitude should believers not have?

They should not have an attitude of favoritism.

James 2:3

ULT	UST
and you look at the one wearing the splendid clothing and say, "You sit here well," and to the poor one you say, "You stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool,"	*And suppose that you show special attention to the one dressed in fine clothes. You tell him, "Please sit here in this nice seat!" But you tell the poor one to go to a less honorable place, saying, "You stand over there," or, "Sit on the floor!"*

What are believers telling a rich man who enters their meeting?

They are telling him to come up front into the best location.

What are believers telling a poor man who enters their meeting?

They are telling him to stand far away or in a poor location.

James 2:4

ULT	UST
have you not distinguished among yourselves and become judges of evil thoughts?	*This would show that you thought rich people were better than poor people. It would show that you were making your judgments about how to treat people based on evil thinking.*

What have the believers become because of their favoritism?

They have become judges of evil thoughts.

James 2:5

ULT	UST
Listen, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to the ones loving him?	*Listen to me, my fellow believers whom I love. God has chosen poor people who seem to own nothing of value to trust in him very much. He will give them great things when he reigns everywhere. This is what he has promised to do for everyone who loves him.*

What does James say about God's choice of the poor?

James says that God chose the poor to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom.

James 2:6-7

What does James say the rich have been doing?

James says the rich have been oppressing the brothers and blaspheming God's name.

James 2:8

ULT	UST
If, however, you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You will love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.	*So you should not treat rich people better than poor people. Instead, you should obey the commandment that Jesus said was so important. It is from the law of Moses: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." If you show love to everyone equally, you will be doing what is right.*

What is the royal law of the scriptures?

The royal law is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:10

ULT	UST
For whoever might keep the whole law but stumble in one thing has become guilty of all.	*God will say this because if you break one of God's laws, even if you obey all the other ones, it is just as if you had broken all the laws.*

Whoever breaks one point of God's law is guilty of what?

Whoever breaks one point of God's law is guilty of breaking all the law.

James 2:13

ULT	UST
For the judgment is merciless to the ones not having done mercy. Mercy boasts against judgment.	*You should speak and act in this way because when God judges us, he will not act mercifully toward those who have not acted mercifully toward others. But if we are merciful to others, then we can expect that God will be merciful to us when he judges us.*

What comes to those who have not shown mercy?

Judgment without mercy comes to those who have not shown mercy.

James 2:14

ULT	UST
What would be the profit, my brothers, if someone would say he has faith, but he does not have works? That faith is not able to save him, is it?	*My fellow believers, some people say, "I believe in the Lord Jesus the Messiah," but they do not do loving things. What they say will do them no good. If they only believe with words, God will certainly not save them.*

What does James say about those who claim to have faith, but do not help those in need?

James says that those who claim to have faith but do not help those in need have a faith that cannot save them.

James 2:16

ULT	UST
and someone of you said to them, "Go in peace, warm yourself and be satisfied," but you did not give them the necessary things of the body, what would be the profit?	*And suppose one of you says to them, "Do not worry, get warm, and have the food you need." But suppose that you then do not give them any clothing or food. Then that will be no help to them!*

Does it help a poor person if we tell them to be warmed and filled, but do not give them anything?

No, it does not help a poor person if we do not give them anything to warm or feed them.

James 2:17

ULT	UST
Thus also the faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.	*Similarly, if you just say that you believe in Jesus but you do not do anything that demonstrates that, you do not really believe in Jesus.*

What is faith by itself, if it has no works?

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:18

ULT	UST
But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith from the works.	*But someone might say to you that you have faith, while I have works. He might claim that a person can express his religion through either faith or works and that he does not need to have both. But I would say in response that you cannot show me your faith without works. I, on the other hand, can show you my faith by my works.*

How does James say we must show our faith?

James says we must show our faith by our works.

James 2:19

ULT	UST
You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and they tremble.	*Let me illustrate how believing in God without doing what God wants you to do cannot save you. You believe that there is only one true God. You are right to believe that. But the demons also believe that, and they shake with fear because they also know that the one true God is going to punish them.*

What do demons and those who claim to have faith both believe?

Those who claim to have faith and demons both believe there is one God.

James 2:21

ULT	UST
Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?	*Here is the proof. Abraham, from whom we are descended, showed that he was willing to offer his son Isaac to God as a sacrifice if God wanted him to do that. God considered Abraham to be a righteous person because he showed that he would obey him and that proved that he genuinely trusted God.*

How did Abraham demonstrate his faith by his works?

Abraham demonstrated his faith by his works when he offered up Isaac upon the altar.

James 2:22

ULT	UST
You see that the faith was working with his works and the faith was perfected from the works.	*In this way, Abraham obeyed God because he trusted him. When he obeyed him, that helped him trust God completely.*

How was the faith of Abraham perfected?

Abraham's faith was perfected by his works.

James 2:23

ULT	UST
And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness," and he was called a friend of God.	*That was how the scripture came true that says, "Because Abraham truly trusted in God, God viewed him as someone who did what was right." Other scriptures say that Abraham was God's friend.*

What scripture was fulfilled with Abraham's faith and works?

The scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

James 2:25

ULT	UST
And similarly was not Rahab the prostitute also justified from works, having welcomed the messengers and having sent them away by another road?	*Just as he did for Abraham, God also considered Rahab to be righteous because of what she did. She had been a prostitute, but she took care of the messengers Joshua sent to spy out the land. She then helped them to escape by sending them back on a safer road.*

How did Rahab demonstrate her faith by her works?

Rahab demonstrated her faith by her works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them away by another road.

James 2:26

ULT	UST
For just as the body without the spirit is dead, thus also the faith without works is dead.	*All of this illustrates an important truth. Just as a person's body is not alive if he is no longer breathing, in the same way, a person does not really trust in God if he does not express that trust through what he does.*

What is a body apart from the spirit?

A body apart from the spirit is dead.

James 3

James 3:1

ULT	UST
Do not become many teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive greater judgment.	*My fellow believers, most of you should not desire to become teachers of God's word. As you know, God will judge us teachers more severely than he will judge other people.*

Why does James say that not many should become teachers?

Not many should become teachers because they will receive greater judgment.

James 3:2

ULT	UST
For we all stumble much. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able to bridle even the whole body.	*I will tell you why most of you should not become teachers. All of us often do things that are wrong. But if anyone is able to avoid saying things that are wrong, he has become the person God intends him to be. He will be able to control all of his actions as well.*

Who stumbles, and in how many ways?

We all stumble in many ways.

What kind of person is able to control his whole body?

A person who does not stumble in his words is also able to control his whole body.

James 3:3

ULT	UST
Now if we put the bits into the mouths of the horses for them to obey us, we also turn their whole body.	*To illustrate, we can put a small metal bar into the mouth of a horse and use it to make the horse go where we want it to go. When we do that, we can direct the horse's large body just by means of that small device.*

What little thing is able to steer a large ship where the pilot wants it to go?

A small rudder is able to steer a large ship.

James 3:4

ULT	UST
Behold also the ships, being so large and driven by strong winds, it is turned by the smallest rudder where the inclination of the one steering desires.	*Think about ships too. A ship may be very large and the winds that propel it forward may be very strong. Even so, by using a tiny rudder, the pilot can direct the ship wherever he wants it to go.*

What small thing is able to start a large fire in a forest?

A small fire is able to start a large fire in a forest.

James 3:6

ULT	UST
The tongue represents also a fire, the world of unrighteousness. The tongue is placed among our members, the thing staining the whole body and setting the course of existence on fire, and it is set on fire by Gehenna.	*Just as a fire burns a forest, when we say bad things, we hurt many people. What we say reveals that there is much evil within us. When we say bad things, this contaminates all that we think and do. It can ruin our whole life. It is Satan himself who influences us to speak what is evil.*

What is the sinful tongue able to do to the whole body?

The sinful tongue is able to defile the whole body.

James 3:8

ULT	UST
But no one of men is able to tame the tongue, an unsettled evil, full of deadly poison.	*But no one can control the things he says. The things people say are like a dangerous creature that never stops killing people with its venom.*

What has no one among man been able to tame?

No one among man has been able to tame the tongue.

James 3:9

ULT	UST
With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse the men, the ones having come into being according to the likeness of God.	*We use speech to praise God, who is our Lord and Father. But we also use speech to say that we want bad things to happen to people. That is very wrong, because God made people like himself.*

What two ways to people treat God and men with their tongues?

With a single tongue, they bless God and curse men.

James 3:11

ULT	UST
The spring does not gush the sweet and the bitter from the same opening, does it?	*Surely good-tasting water and bad-tasting water do not come from the same source!*

What two things can a spring not provide?

One spring cannot provide both sweet and bitter water.

James 3:13

ULT	UST
Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show his works from his good conduct in humility of wisdom.	*If any of you are very understanding, you will demonstrate that by living your life properly. Being wise leads us to act gently toward others.*

How does a person demonstrate wisdom and understanding?

A person demonstrates wisdom and understanding by his works done in humility.

James 3:15

ULT	UST
This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, soulish, demonic.	*People who are envious and selfish are not wise as God wants them to be. Instead, they are thinking and acting like people who do not respect God. They are following their own evil desires. They are doing what demons would do.*

Where kind of wisdom causes a person to be jealous and ambitious, and to lie?

Wisdom that is earthly, soulish, and demonic causes a person to be jealous and ambitious, and to lie.

James 3:16

ULT	UST
For where there is jealousy and ambition, there is unsettledness and every wicked deed.	*We can tell that people who are resentful and selfish are not wise, because they do not control themselves. They take part in many different sinful activities.*

What results from jealousy and ambition?

Jealousy and ambition causes unsettledness and every wicked deed.

James 3:17

ULT	UST
But the wisdom from above first indeed is pure, then peaceable, gentle, cooperative, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, sincere.	*But the person whom God has taught to be wise is, first of all, morally pure. Such a person also makes peace with others. He is kind to them and gets along with them well. He is generous to people who do not deserve it, and he does practical things to help others. He does not favor one person over another, and he does not pretend to be something that he is not.*

What attitudes reflect a wisdom from above?

A person that is peace-loving, gentle, warm-hearted, full of mercy and good fruit, without favoritism, and sincere has wisdom from above.

James 4

James 4:1

ULT	UST
From where are wars and from where are battles among you? Are they not from there, from your lusts, the ones fighting in your members?	*I will tell you why you are fighting among yourselves and quarreling with each other. It is because each of you inwardly desires to do evil things. Those desires lead you to fight in order to be able to do those things.*

What does James say is the source of quarreling and disputing among the believers?

The source is the evil desires that war among them.

James 4:3

ULT	UST
You ask and you do not receive, because you ask badly, so that you may spend on your lusts.	*But even when you do ask God for things, he does not give them to you, because you are asking with bad motives. You are asking for things just so that you can use them to enjoy yourselves in wrong ways.*

Why do the believers not receive their requests to God?

They do not receive because they ask for bad things to be spent on their evil desires.

James 4:4

ULT	UST
You adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world is made an enemy of God.	*You are being disloyal to God by not obeying him! You must realize that those who behave as evil people do are hostile to God. So if that is how you decide to live, then you will be choosing to be hostile to God.*

If a person decides to be a friend of the world, what is that person's relationship with God?

A person who decides to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:6

ULT	UST
But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble."	*If we are living in ways that do not please God, he is very kind to us. He will help us live differently if we humbly admit that we have been doing wrong. That is why this teaching is in the Bible: "God does not help those who are proud, but he does help those who are humble."*

Who does God resist, and to whom does he give grace?

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:7

ULT	UST
Be submitted, therefore, to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.	*So choose humbly to obey God. Firmly determine not to give in to the devil's temptations. This will make the devil give up on trying to tempt you.*

What will the devil do when a believer subjects himself to God and resists the devil?

The devil will flee.

James 4:8

ULT	UST
Come near to God and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded.	*Be honest and open with God. If you do, he will welcome you into his presence. You who are sinners, turn away from doing what is wrong and do only what is right. You who cannot decide whether you will commit yourselves to God, stop thinking wrong thoughts and think only right thoughts.*

What will God do for those who draw near to him?

God will draw near to those who draw near to him.

James 4:11

ULT	UST
Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one speaking against a brother or judging his brother speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.	*My fellow believers, stop accusing one another of doing wrong. Anyone who accuses and condemns a fellow believer is really accusing and condemning God's commandment that we should love one another. But if you speak against that commandment, you are not obeying it. Instead, you are acting like a judge who condemns it.*

What does James tell the believers not to do?

James tells the believers not to speak against one another.

James 4:15

ULT	UST
Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wishes, we will both live and do this or that."	*Instead of what you are saying, you should say, "If the Lord is willing, we will still be alive and we will be able to do one thing or another."*

What does James tell the believers to say about what will happen in the future?

James tells the believers to say that if the Lord allows, we will live and do this or that.

James 4:16

ULT	UST
But now you are boasting in your pretensions. All such boasting is evil.	*But what you are doing is bragging about all the things you plan to do. That kind of bragging is sinful.*

What does James say about those who boast about their plans?

James says that those who boast about their plans are doing evil.

James 4:17

ULT	UST
Therefore to the one having known to do good and not doing it, to him it is sin.	*So if anyone does not do something even though he knows it is the right thing that he should do, he has committed a sin.*

What is it if someone knows to do good, but does not do it?

It is sin if someone knows to do good, but does not do it.

James 5

James 5:3

ULT	UST
Your gold and silver have been tarnished, and their rust will be for a testimony against you and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have stored up in the last days.	*Your gold and silver are worthless, as though they were corroded. When God judges you, this worthless wealth of yours will be evidence that you are guilty of being greedy. Just as rust and fire destroy things, God will severely punish you. You should not have been trying to get richer and richer knowing that Jesus was going to return. When he returns, your riches will be worthless.*

What have the rich, about whom James is talking, done in the last days which will testify against them?

The rich have hoarded their treasure.

James 5:4

ULT	UST
Behold, the pay of the workers who have reaped your fields, which has been withheld by you, is crying out, and the cries of the ones harvesting have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.	*Think about what you have done. You did not pay the wages you promised to the workers who harvested your fields. These unpaid wages show how unfair you were to these workers. They are crying out to God because of the way you have treated them. The Lord is a God of great power, and he is listening to their loud cries and he will punish you for what you have done.*

How have these rich treated their workers?

These rich have not paid their workers.

James 5:6

ULT	UST
You have condemned, you have killed the righteous. He does not resist you.	*You have arranged for others to condemn honest people. You have arranged for others to kill people who had not done anything wrong. They were not able to defend themselves against you. But God will judge and punish you for doing all these things.*

How have these rich treated the righteous man?

These rich have condemned and killed the righteous man.

James 5:7

ULT	UST
Therefore, wait patiently, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer awaits the valuable fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early rain and the late rain.	*So, my fellow believers, even though rich people cause you to suffer, be patient until Jesus the Messiah comes back. Remember that when farmers plant a field, they have to wait for their valuable crops to grow. They have to wait patiently for the rain that comes at the planting season and for more rain that comes just before the harvest season. This rain is necessary for the crops to grow and mature so that the farmers can harvest them.*

What does James say the believer's attitude should be toward the coming of the Lord?

The believers should wait patiently for the coming of the Lord.

James 5:8

ULT	UST
You also wait patiently. Strengthen your hearts, because the coming of the Lord has come near.	*Similarly, you also should wait patiently and trust Jesus the Messiah firmly, because he is coming back soon and he will judge all people fairly.*

Why should believers strengthen their hearts as they wait patiently for the coming of the Lord?

They should strengthen their hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:10

ULT	UST
Take an example, brothers, of the suffering and the patience of the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.	*My fellow believers, as an example of how to be patient, consider the prophets whom the Lord God sent long ago to speak his messages. Although people caused them to suffer much, they endured it patiently.*

What should the suffering and the patience of the Old Testament prophets become for us?

The suffering and the patience of the Old Testament prophets should become an example for us.

James 5:11

ULT	UST
Behold, we call blessed the ones having endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is greatly compassionate and merciful.	*Consider how, when people are able to endure suffering patiently and faithfully, we say that God has blessed them. One example of this is the man named Job. You know about him from the Scriptures. You know that he suffered many things patiently. You also know that God planned to do good things through what Job suffered. And from that you can tell that God is very caring and kind.*

What positive character trait did Job demonstrate?

Job demonstrated endurance.

James 5:12

ULT	UST
But before all, my brothers, do not swear, neither by the heaven nor by the earth, nor by any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No," "No," so that you may not fall under judgment.	*Now this, my fellow believers, is something very important for you to realize. You must never take an oath by calling on heaven or the earth or anything else to guarantee a promise that you make. All you need to say is "Yes" or "No." God will judge you if you go beyond that and make an oath but then do not keep your promise.*

What does James say about the reliability of a believer's "Yes" and "No"?

A believer's "Yes" must mean "Yes" and his "No" must mean "No."

James 5:14

ULT	UST
Is anyone among you sick? Let him summon the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord.	*Any one of you who is sick should call the leaders of the congregation to come and pray for him to recover. They should put olive oil on him to help him recover and, with the Lord's authority, pray.*

What should those who are sick do?

The sick should call for the elders so they can pray over him and anoint him with oil.

James 5:16

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Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A working prayer of the righteous is very strong.	*Because the Lord is able to heal the sick and to forgive sins, admit to each other the sinful things you have done and pray for each other. Then God will heal you. If people who are right with God pray, God will answer their prayers in powerful ways.*

What two things does James say believers should do with each other in order to be healed?

Believers should confess to one another and pray for one another.

James 5:17

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Elijah was a man of similar passions to us, and he prayed with prayer for it not to rain, and it did not rain upon the land for three years and six months.	*The prophet Elijah was an ordinary person like us. But when he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, the land of Israel had no rain for three and a half years.*

What happened when Elijah prayed that it would not rain?

It did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:18

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And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth produced its fruit.	*Then Elijah prayed again, asking God to send rain, and God made it rain and plants grew and produced crops again.*

What happened when Elijah prayed again, this time for rain?

When he prayed again, the heaven gave rain and the earth produced fruit.

James 5:20

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let him know that the one having turned back a sinner from his wandering way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.	*I want anyone who helps a sinner to repent to know that because of what he has done, God will save the sinner from spiritual death and will forgive his many sins.*

What does someone accomplish who leads a sinner out of the error of his way?

The person who leads a sinner out of the error of his way saves a soul from death and covers a multitude of sins.