



BOOK **OF** JAMES

FAITH IN ACTION

James 1: Written to the tribes. Many trials produce perseverance. Riches will fade. Every good gift comes from the Father. Be doers of the word.

James 2: If you show partiality to the rich you are committing sin. Act as those who are under the law of liberty. Faith without works is dead.



James 3: No one can tame the tongue. With it we bless our Father and with it we curse others. The wisdom from above is pure and peace-loving.

James 4: Your worldly desires cause conflict. Resist the devil, draw near to God. Who are you to judge your neighbour? You boast in arrogance.

James 5: You rich have fattened yourselves for slaughter. Brothers, be patient until the Lord comes.



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James 5:13-20 (NIV)

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.



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19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.



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❖ Prayer is powerful

Prayer is not meditation or passive reflection; it is direct address to God. It is the communication of the human soul with the Lord who created the soul. Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to communicate his emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life



Jude 1:20-21 (ESV)

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.



Luke 18:1 (ESV)

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.



Romans 12:12 (ESV)

...Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

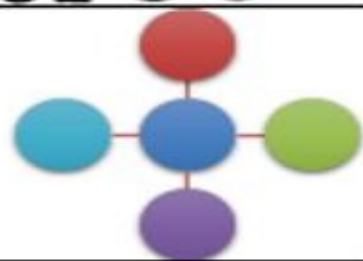


Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

Text Structures

description

characteristics,
features, examples



sequence

first, next, then, last, before, after



compare & contrast

what is alike and what is different



cause & effect

When something makes something else happen



problem & solution

Problem and a way to fix it



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James 5:13-15 (NIV)

Our prayers ought also to be filled with God's praise
as we consider His goodness and grace.

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For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Romans 6:23 (ESV)



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❖ Prayer is purposeful

Why do we pray?

...to glorify God.

...to prepare our hearts.

...to be instructed.

...to adore, praise wonder.

...to confess.

... to thank Him.

Why do the nations say,
“Where is their God?” Our God is in heaven;
he **does whatever pleases him.**



Psalm 115:3 (ESV)

Do not be quick with your mouth,
do not be hasty in your heart
to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven
and you are on earth,
so let your words be few.



Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV)



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- Prayer is purposeful

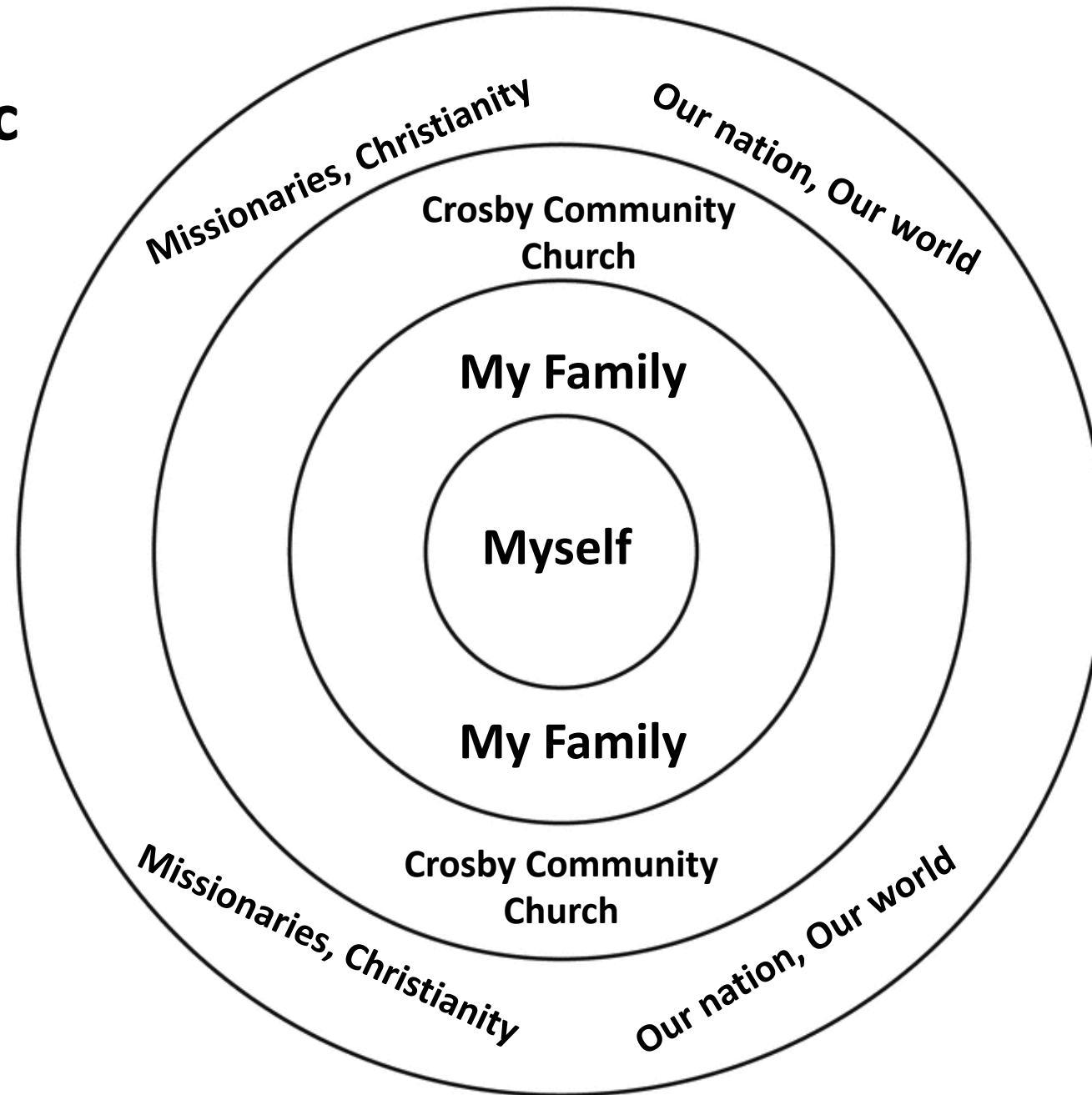
❖ Prayer is ~~persistent~~ persistent

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NIV)

Prayer in Concentric Circles



“But if you have a pattern—like the concentric circles—you won’t spin your wheels wondering where to start.”
-Challies, 2014





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- Prayer is powerful
- Prayer is purposeful
- Prayer is persistent

❖ Prayer is accountable

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James 5:16 (NIV)

If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



1 John 1:9 (NIV)

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James 5:17 (NIV)



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❖ Prayer is for the wanderer

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Ultimately accountability can be a means in which God draws us to himself. Self-sufficiency says we don't need anyone, but humility shouts for help from those God has placed in our lives. This habit of sharing and praying with others will inevitably teach us how to cast our cares on the only One who can fully bear their weight and who loves us with an unfailing love.

-Daniel Westfall

“Here then is the design of prayer: not that God’s will may be altered, but that it may be accomplished in his own good time and way”

-A.W. Pink

The Sovereignty of God: 1918



BRINGS RESULTS

God answers prayer. God is sovereign in this world and does whatever he wishes, but he chooses to act through prayer and because of prayer, not apart from prayer.

DELIGHT

As you spend time with God in prayer, you necessarily grow in your relationship with him in your friendship.

CHANGES YOU

As you seek him, and as you seek his will, he changes you to be more like him.

DUTY

God tells you to pray. If you acknowledge the existence of God and invite the presence of God in your life, you will want to do what he says.

PREPARES YOU

If God extends trial or difficulty, prayer will prepare us to receive it without despair and without anger.

RESPONSE

In all of life, God initiates and we respond. God created us, and we respond to his creative work.

PEACEFUL ADORATION

Prayer is not an emptying of the mind and a resting in thoughtless silence, but a filling of the mind with the truth of God and a joyful communion with the God who is.

BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS

Pray to be close to God.

ASSERTIVE SUPPLICATION

God's Word tells us what we need and what we desire, and in prayer we ask God to supply them.

P R A Y E R

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