

“James: Authentic Christianity (13-1) – Prayer and Confession” (5:13-16)

Positive Effect of Prayer on Health... God _____ Prayers!

**But beware of the Danger of Blindly Believing that
God will _____ every Illness in response to Prayers**

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Original Sin is the _____; Personal Sin is the _____

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II. Pray in Suffering (James 5:13-15)

**The Mark of an Authentic Christian Community is _____
expressed by Faith-motivated Work (Ch 2) and by Faithful Prayer**

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B. Pray for the Weak (5:14-16)

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2. Call for the Elders to Pray (1 Thes 5:14): Encourage and Refresh

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III. Confession and Prayer (James 5:16)

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There is No need to Confess Sin beyond the Circle of that Sin’s Influence

C. Confess your Sins to each other: Purpose

1. Prayer Partner/Accountability (v 16b)

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