

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

Powerful Prayers

Are you willing to admit your faults? What do you do when you know that have done something wrong? Do you try to hide what you have done? Do you live in denial that you have a fault that you must admit? Do you ignore me when I am prompting you to confess your sin to someone else? I have had a hard time admitting my faults. I have pretended that I haven't done anything wrong. I have ignored your prompting to confess my sin to another person. **Do you know why this is not good?** I can think of a few reasons why it is mistake to fail to admit my faults and confess my sins. **I'm listening.**

You want me to live close relationships with others. **Yes, I do.** As I live in close relationships with others I will have an opportunity to minister to them. **Yes, you will.** If I sin against someone and don't admit my faults and confess my sins I will lose any opportunity I might have had to minister to others. **That's tight.** As I live in close relationships with others we will be able to keep each other accountable and spur each other on as we confess and admit our faults and sins to each other. **Yes, that's also true.** Hiding my faults and failing to confess my sins will hinder my ability to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, it will.**

What else? You expect me to admit my faults and confess my sins. **Yes, I do.** It is your command. **Yes, it is.** You paid for my sins on the cross. You made it possible so I could be forgiven of my sin and cleansed of all my unrighteousness. **Yes, I did.** Failing to admit my faults and confess my sins seems like a rejection of all that you have done for me. You are not pleased when I hide my faults and fail to confess my sins. **That's right.** I will have very little desire to draw near to you in prayer when I am living with unconfessed sin. You want me to draw near to you to admit my faults and confess my sin as part of my prayers to you. **Yes, I do.** Living forgiven of my sin and cleansed of all my unrighteousness is the ground on which powerful prayers can be prayed and heard and answered. **Yes, It is.**

What else? You want me to receive all that you have for me. You want me to receive your healing. **Yes, I do.** Your healing will come into my life as I admit my faults and confess my sin to you and others. **Yes, it will. Will you make admitting your faults and confessing your sin a regular everyday practice in your life?** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, I am a sinner. I have sinned. I will sin. I will make it my common everyday practice to admit my faults and confess my sins both to you and to others. Forgive me. Cleanse me. Heal me. Make me able to pray powerful prayers that you will hear and answer. Amen

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

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

NIV James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

ESV James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

NLT James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

NKJV James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

NRSV James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

MSG James 5:16

Therefore *Confess To One Another...Your Faults*

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

AMP James 5:16

Therefore *Admit Your Faults*

Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.

TLB James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

NASB James 5:16

Therefore *Confess Your Sins*

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen.

NCV James 5:16

Confess Your Sins

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Therefore – James 5:16

In Context: *Read James 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How ready and willing are you to admit your faults and confess your sins to others?

How are you making it your common everyday practice to confess your sins to others?

Why is it a terrible mistake to try to ignore your faults and fail to confess your sins to others?

How has being willing to admit your faults and confess your sin brought God's healing into your life?

What will you do if you want to be able to pray powerful prayers that God will hear and answer?

What powerful prayers has God heard and answered in response to requests you have brought to Him?

Who is need of your earnest and powerful prayers for healing right now?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make it your common everyday practice to confess your sins to others so that your prayers will be heard and answered.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will make you able to pray powerful prayers that are heard and answered.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has made you able to pray powerful prayers.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you admit your faults and confess your sins so you can pray prayers that God will hear and answer.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will admit my faults and confess my sins so that I can pray prayers that you will hear and answer.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, as I admit my faults and confess my sins what prayers would you like me to pray?
