



**DO NOT BE FOOLED!
YOU ARE NOT OUT OF
THE MOUNTAINS YET!**

Four Final Imperatives

James 5:12-20

Series: *Faith That Works*, #11 (James)

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Theme: **A living faith transforms the way you live.**

Simple Honesty.

1. The simple, uncomplicated truth. (12; see also Leviticus 19:12; Deuteronomy 6:13; Matthew 5:33-37; 23:16-22; 26:63-64; Romans 1:9; Hebrews 6:13-14)
2. The simple, loving truth. (Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 4:6)

Effective Prayer.

1. The overall Biblical framework. (15-18; 1:5-8; 4:3; Psalm 37:4; 66:18; Proverbs 15:29; Isaiah 59:1-2; Matthew 6:5-13; Mark 11:23-25; John 15:7; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 1:11; 6:18; Philippians 4:19; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 John 3:21-22; 5:14-15)
2. Prayer when suffering. (13; see also Psalm 55:22; 2 Corinthians 1:3)
3. Prayer when sick. (14-18; see also 1 Kings 17 & 18)

Joyful Praise.

1. Sharpening our focus on praise. (13; see also Psalm 22:22, 25; 40:9-10; 84:2; 111:1; 149:1)
2. Turning up our expression of praise. (13; see also Acts 16:19-26; 27:22, 25; Hebrews 13:15)

Loving Correction.

1. The command. (19)
2. The manner. (19-20; see also Galatians 6:1-5)
3. The blessing. (20; see also Psalm 32:1; Proverbs 10:12 Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:30; 1 Peter 4:8)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. A living, active faith demonstrates *simple honesty*. After you read 5:12 again, take a look at your thoughts—are you concerned with impressing people? With being noticed because of what you have done or have to go through? With getting in and fitting in with the thinking and actions of others? Character is a matter of our hearts, which is displayed in what we say and do.

Tuesday. Much of 5:13-18 is about prayer. Review the overall Biblical framework for prayer we covered on Sunday from any notes you made and the Bible references in the outline. Zero in on these basics and the specific applications James made.

Wednesday. Joyful praise was the third of the final imperatives we considered on Sunday. How do you describe or define praise? When do you think you can praise God? Has praise characterized your life so far this week?

Thursday. Loving correction is the last of the four final imperatives. Review 5:19-20 along with Galatians 6:1-5 and then write out your own description of the command, manner and blessing of loving correction. As with praise, loving correction is active, not passive. Are you active in giving and receiving correction? To wrap up this book, read the entire book and then make a brief outline list of key truths God has brought to your attention through this sermon series.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to begin a new series in the book of Esther. Read the this short book, or at least the first chapter in preparation for our time together.