

Questions to Consider — Lesson 23 — “Becoming a Woman of Prayer” — James 5:13-18

1. (a) Read James 5, noting all the times we are to pray. (b) Read the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 17 and 18. How was he earnest in his praying?
2. Memorize James 5:16.
3. Compare 2 Chronicles 16:11-14 with 2 Kings 20:1-11. (a) What does this teach you about seeking the face of God when you are sick? (b) Do you think Asa would have lived had he sought the Lord God? (c) Why or why not?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34. (a) What does this passage say about coming to the Lord’s Table with sin in our lives? (b) What do the words *weak*, *sickly* and *sleep* mean in verse 30? (c) Do you think we take these verses seriously?
5. David wrote both Psalm 32 and 38 when he was suffering because of his sin. Choose one of these Psalms and list all the physical, emotional and spiritual sufferings that David experienced because of sin.
6. Read Luke 11:5-13 and 18:1-8. (a) What parables does Jesus tell to illustrate persistent prayer? (b) What does this teach you about persistence in your own prayer life?
7. (a) Do you know of a time when you were sick because of sin in your life? (b) What did you learn during that time?
8. (a) Do you have someone in your life that holds you accountable for spiritual growth? (b) Do you share real struggles and sins? (c) Are you honest and transparent?
9. (a) Analyze your prayers this week. Ask yourself these questions: Do I fervently pray for the needs of others? Are my prayers earnest or listless and cold? Do I confess my sins? Am I sensitive to any sin that might be hindering my prayers? (b) What is your prayer request?