

CCEM – SPRING WOMEN’S STUDY

“FAITH IN ACTION” – BOOK OF JAMES

JAMES CHAPTER 5 – STUDY QUESTIONS

(Questions from “Joyful Life” – C. C. Costa Mesa, Kay Smith)

READ – JAMES CHAPTER 5

1. We are appalled at the behavior of the people in James 5:1-6. What sins does this passage warn us to avoid? Why?

2. James uses the illustration of a farmer (husbandman) to emphasize his exhortation in verse 7a. BEHOLD – pause and intensely gaze – at the farmer. What parallels do you find between the farmer waiting for the harvest and the Christian’s patience (longsuffering) in waiting for the LORD’s return?

3. Connect Galatians 6:9 with James 5:8a. What is the challenge and the promise?

4. What do you recall from the following verses that prompts you to obedience to James 5:9.

a. James 1:26 _____

b. James 2:8b _____

c. James 2:12 _____

d. James 4:11, 12 _____

5. James 5:11a indicates that there are blessings in trials. How does James 1:2, 12 confirm this?

6. By the opening words of James 5:12, "But above all," we are clued into the importance of the instruction in this verse. What are we:

a. Not to do – _____

b. To do – _____

c. Why? – _____

7. Afflicted more literally means to suffer misfortune, experience what is bad, but primarily here it means to endure hardship; experience misfortune or calamity; trouble. It does not here indicate physical suffering, but mental or emotional heartache. Think about what you do when you are afflicted. What are some of the things a person is prone to do rather than pray?

a. What does James 5:13a tell us to do? _____

b. What instruction did Jesus give in Luke 18:1b? _____

8. If a Christian is sick, what does James 5:14 say we are to do? _____

9. As an example of fervent prayer, read Colossians 4:12. How is Epaphras described in this verse? What do you learn about prayer from his example? _____

10. What is our responsibility when we see a believer wandering from the truth (James 5:19-20)? What does Galatians 6:1 add to this?
