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Scripture Interprets Scripture

**The less clear is interpreted in light of
the more clear.**

...and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17



We need to get this right...we are never going to have a better idea about how to live our lives than God does.

1. Look at this passage as a whole

-Prayer at all times

-Who the effective "pray-er" is

2. Look specifically at "forgive" one another

-Good relationships with one another
are essential to relationship with God

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

Sometimes sickness is part of God's plan for our lives

1. Scripture

2. Common sense

3. Experience



**Remember to read, understand and
apply the Bible as a whole.**

Content + Context = Intent

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

James 5:17-18



**To know and to want what God
wants...would lead to powerful and
effective praying.**



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James 5:16

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

James 4:20

- 1. Past relationships**
- 2. Current relationships**
- 3. Going forward**

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Proverbs 28:13