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• (James 5:13-14 NIV) Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. (14) 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.
IS ANYONE IN TROUBLE?
HE SHOULD PRAY

• TROUBLE = Suffering
  • To Suffer Evils
  • To Endure Hardships
  • To Face Troubles
  • To Be Afflicted
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In The Times Of Trouble God Says: Pray

- (Psa 50:15 NIV) call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

We Don’t Have To Be Fearful And Worried At The Sign Of Trouble

- (1 Pet 5:7 NIV) Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
IS ANY ONE IN TROUBLE?
HE SHOULD PRAY

• Pray And Pray NOW
  • When Weak In Faith
  • When Weary With Persecution
  • When Crushed By Affliction
• We Are To Pray And Pray NOW!
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• “God can transform our troubles into triumphs.”
  Warren Wiersbe

• Prayer Is A Very Appropriate Response To Times Of Suffering, Trouble And Affliction
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• **Trouble Is A Fact Of Life**

• (John 16:33 NIV) *... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

• **If We Share In Christ’s Sufferings -- We Will Share In His Victory**
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• (Rom 12:12 NIV) Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, **faithful in prayer.**

• (Col 4:2 NIV) **Devote yourselves to prayer,** being watchful and thankful.

• (1 Tim 2:8 NIV) **I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer,** without anger or disputing.

• (1 Th 5:17 NIV) **pray continually;**
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• (1 Pet 4:7 NIV) The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

• (Mat 21:22 NIV) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."
IS ANY ONE IN TROUBLE?
HE SHOULD PRAY

• (James 5:13-14 NIV) *Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.*
• The Best Thing We Can Do
  • The Thing God Calls For In Times Of Trouble
  • *Is For Us To Pray!*
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
LET HIM SING

• (James 5:13-14 NIV) Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

• HAPPY = Cheerful
  • In Good Spirits
  • To Be Joyful
  • Of Good Courage

• Happy Means A “Well Soul”
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
LET HIM SING

• Singing / Prayer / Praise / Thanksgiving: Appropriate Expressions For A Soul That Is Well
  • We Can Sing The Scripture
  • We Can Sing A Hymn
  • We Can Sing Praise & Worship
  • We Can Sing A New Song
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
LET HIM SING

• Praise Is A Powerful Weapon

• If Things Are Going Well --
  Praise The Lord!

• If You Want Things To Go Well
  Lift Up Your Song Of Praise To God!
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
LET HIM SING

• When We Develop A Lifestyle Of Praise
  We Will Soon See Of The Power Of Praise

• Don’t Surrender To Your Problems
  • Sing The Praises Of God
  • See The Power Of God Released
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
LET HIM SING

• Praise Does Not Change Him
  Praise Changes Us!

• The Devil’s Most Common Methods Of Attack:
  • To Bring Hopelessness & Despair To Our Lives
  • To Paralyze Us From Within
  • To Get Our Eyes Off God.

• To Deal With The Enemy -- Praise The Lord!
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
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• Praise Secures Victory

• (2 Chr 20:22 NIV) As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
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The Duration Of Praise

• Praise Before The Battle
• Praise During The Battle
• Praise After The Battle

Praise Is Ordained Of The Lord

• (Psa 8:2 NIV) From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
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- Praise Secures An Unburdening

- “Put On The Garment Of Praise For The Spirit Of Heaviness”

- “Exchange That Spirit Of Heaviness For Praises!”
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PRAISE IS ALL ABOUT:

• Declaring God’s Person
• Thanksgiving For God’s Provision
• Celebrating God’s Promises
• Acknowledging God’s Presence
• Rejoicing In God’s Path To Life
• Responding To God’s Personal Call
IS ANYONE HAPPY?
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- **How To Praise God**
- **With Our Voice** – Psa 63:3; Acts 16:25
- **With Our Bodies** – Psa 63:4; 95:6
- **With Music** – Psa 150:3-5
- **With Our Emotions** – Psa 47:1
- **With Our Lives** – 1 Cor 10:31
IS ANYONE HAPPY?

LET HIM SING

PRAISE HIM --
He’s Almighty
He’s Blessed Us
He Cares For Us
He’s Delivered Us
He’s Erased The Penalty Of Sin That Was Against Us
He Loves Us
He’s Given Us The Victory
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WHEN TO PRAISE HIM:

• Through Trails And Tribulations
• Through Sickness And Pain
• Through Whatever / Wherever / Whenever
• In The Midst Of Your Circumstances
• In The Midst Of Your Confusion
• In The Midst Of Your Crisis