

“Waiting to become a Christian until you are good enough is like waiting until you lose weight to go on a diet”

¹³ Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. ¹⁴ As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.


¹⁵ Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. ¹⁶ And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Mark 2:13-17

Some advice from Jesus' brother


- ✓ Physical Problems need to be brought to Jesus
 - James is writing to a displaced people who didn't feel at home (1:1-2)
 - James is speaking to sick people (5:10-11)
 - James is addressing people in different stations of life (5:13-15a)
 - James says to seek the prayers of others (:16)



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- ✓ Physical Problems need to be brought to Jesus
- ✓ Social Problems need to be brought to Jesus
 - There were social issues that were being made that needed correcting (2:1-4)
 - Imagine if Jesus Christ were judged by those same parameters? (2:1)
 - Do we love our neighbor? (2:8)



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- ✓ Physical Problems need to be brought to Jesus
- ✓ Social Problems need to be brought to Jesus
- ✓ Emotional Problems need to be brought to Jesus
 - When I lack wisdom and face various trials (1:2-5)
 - We must be careful not to “turn in on ourselves” (3:16-17; 4:8)



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- ✓ Physical Problems need to be brought to Jesus
- ✓ Social Problems need to be brought to Jesus
- ✓ Emotional Problems need to be brought to Jesus
- ✓ **Spiritual Problems need to be brought to Jesus**
 - There are sins that need to be addressed and forgiven (5:15-16)
 - Do not be so prideful that you fail to come to Him! (4:10)



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