

Fault - paraptomg - Slips, deviant behavior, errors, rebellion.
Use to just 2 times in N.T.

"In House Healing Ministry"

James 5:16 Every believer-priest has to minister on 3
fr. "One is unto the Lord". Second "to the lost". Third "To the body"
(Church) (Mission Field) (In House)

Let's focus in on #3. Ministry to the Lord's people. Greek word for
confess is exomologeo. It means to acknowledge, agree with God, profess or
declare your sin or promise to speak forth. Every believer is called to hear
the confession of a brother or sister. The reason that there is so much
leaven in the camp, is that there is little "In House ministry" taking place.

The people of God are waiting for v. 14 & 15 to be manifest. They expect the
pastor to anoint the sick with oil, while they neglect their own
healing ministry. Confession to a trusted brother, brings physical healing.
God may be waiting for you to find a prayer buddy or confessor
receiver, to whom you can open up. Once you confide & open up to someone
you trust, the Lord takes over the physical healing, and prayer requests
are miraculously answered. "Exhale your sin". Several suggestions:

- ① Never exhale your sins to just anybody. (Use wisdom. Be very selective.)
- ② Seek out a child of God you can trust. A mature ^{war} tested veteran.
- ③ Ask the Lord for wisdom & discernment before approaching a
another believer to hear your confession.
- ④ Realize the confession does not ever grant forgiveness. It is
merely the first step to God's healing power to flow. Confession is the
doorway to physical healing. Spiritual healing is God's sovereign domain.
To receive spiritual restoration go directly to God.
- ⑤ Make sure the other believer is willing to allow you to hear
his or her confession. It must never be a one way street.
- ⑥ Never confess your faults to a religious person or a lost
person. They are not a righteous recipient.

Some possible standard questions confessing partners, can or should ask each other, regularly.

- ① Have you viewed or purchased any erotic material in the last week?
 - ② Have you been alone with a member of the opposite sex & thereby placed yourself in a compromised position?
 - ③ Have you handled your finances in an upright & godly manner in the last week?
 - ④ Have you been spending quality time with the Lord? ~~⑤ Have you?~~ ~~most lied tone!~~
- These are Church Swindell's suggestions for pastors & all believers.

Conclude:

Many great men of God, such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Eberhard Bethge, John Wesley & many church fathers, made themselves accountable to another believer/priest & thus safeguarded their lives, character & ministry. If it worked for them it is sure to work for us.

The prayer of a sacred priest after hearing confession; has ~~of~~ great sway & power with God. Let's begin this often neglected practice to receive the healing power of God, for our physical ailments.

V17- fervent prayer energizes the sick. Our prayer is energied by the Holy Spirit to produce.