

When someone else's sin is your business

James 5:19-20

- I. God may use you to bring back someone caught in sin (James 5:19).
- A. Someone wanders from the truth
- Not just doctrine, but a sinful lifestyle
- B. Someone brings him back

**Who God uses to help those struggling with sin**

(Galatians 6:2 etc.)

- Someone spiritually minded
- Someone gracious and gentle.
- Someone relationally connected and respected by the person in need (credibility).
- Someone humble.
- Someone courageous.
- Someone acting out of love, not frustration.
- Someone who distinguishes between sinful and annoying.

- II. God may use you to transform someone's future (James 5:20).
- A. Physical consequences – You might help someone avoid a premature death.
- Sin sometimes causes premature death.
  - Sin sometimes is specifically judged by God with death (1 Cor. 11:30; 1 John 5:16-17).
- B. Spiritual reward – You might help someone experience the joy of God's forgiveness.