

# "A DIVINE PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALING" JAMES 5:14-16

## I. THE PERSON(S) TO WHOM THIS PRESCRIPTION IS GIVEN (5:14-15)

### A. The Candidate(s) Are Described Both Physically And Spiritually

1. Spiritually: A Believer
2. Physically: Seriously Sick (5:14-15)
  - a. Two Different Words In The Respective Verses
  - b. The Elder(s) Must Go To The Person
  - c. The Promise Of Being "*Raised Up*" Suggests The Person Is Bed Ridden Or Significantly Incapacitated

### B. The Candidate(s) Are To Undergo An Exacting Procedure

1. Call For The Elder(s)
  - a. Not Faith Healers
  - b. Men Whose Character Is Above Reproach
2. Anointing With Oil (5:14)
  - a. Medicinal Or Symbolic?
    1. Ministered By Elders, Not Doctors
    2. Anointed Not Massaged
    3. Same Prescription For Every Kind Of Malady
    4. Used In Conjunction With Miraculous Healings
  - b. Done In The Name Of The Lord
3. Praying (5:15)

**II. THE PROMISES THAT ACCOMPANY OR FOLLOW THE PRESCRIPTION (5:15)**

A. The Candidate Will Be *Saved* Physically

1. Not A Case Of Praying On A Whim
2. Context Indicates A Conviction On The Part Of The Sick Of God's Ability And Willingness To Heal
3. Nevertheless, Is This A Guarantee Of 100% Success?
  - a. Historical & Scriptural Instances Of Lack Of Success
  - b. There Are Exceptions To the Rule
  - c. No Believer Would Ever Die

B. Sins Will Be Forgiven

**III. THE CONFESSION AND SUPPLEMENTARY PRAYER THAT ACCOMPANIES OR FOLLOWS THE PRESCRIPTION (5:16)**