# "A DIVINE PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALING"

## JAMES 5:14-16

1. **THE PERSON(S) TO WHOM THIS PRESCRIPTION IS GIVEN (5:14-15)**
   1. The Candidate(s) Are Described Both Physically And Spiritually
      1. Spiritually: A Believer
      2. Physically: Seriously Sick (5:14-15)
         1. Two Different Words In The Respective Verses
         2. The Elder(s) Must Go To The Person
         3. The Promise Of Being *"Raised Up"* Suggests The Person Is Bed Ridden Or Significantly Incapacitated
   2. The Candidate(s) Are To Undergo An Exacting Procedure
      1. Call For The Elder(s)
         1. Not Faith Healers
         2. Men Whose Character Is Above Reproach
      2. Anointing With Oil (5:14)
         1. 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
         2. Done In The Name Of The Lord
      3. Praying (5:15)
2. **THE PROMISES THAT ACCOMPANY OR FOLLOW THE PRESCRIPTION (5:15)**
   1. 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?
         1. Historical & Scriptural Instances Of Lack Of Success
         2. There Are Exceptions To the Rule
         3. No Believer Would Ever Die
   2. Sins Will Be Forgiven
3. **THE CONFESSION AND SUPPLEMENTARY PRAYER THAT ACCOMPANIES OR FOLLOWS THE PRESCRIPTION (5:16)**