

The Healing Power of Prayer

James 5:13-18

Introduction: God does not usually do things the way we do.

How does God want us to handle changing circumstances in life? (Vs. 13)

How does God want us to handle sickness? (Vs. 14-16)

Two things the passage does not say:

1. This passage **does not reject or belittle the use of doctors** and modern medicine.
2. This passage **does not say that everyone who gets sick is guaranteed miraculous healing.**

The seven-step pattern for healing to be followed in the Church.

1. Prayer for healing is initiated by the sick. (Vs. 14)
2. The elders of the church are called for prayer. (Vs. 14)

3. The sick are commanded to confess their sins. (Vs. 16)

4. The sick are anointed with oil.

5. The sick are anointed in the name of the Lord. (Vs. 14)

6. The elders pray in faith. (Vs. 15)

7. The Lord does the healing according to His will. (Vs. 15)

Conclusion: