

Ministering To The Sick
James 5:14-16

I. The sick individual is to call the church leaders to come to him (home or hospital) for a *private* time of ministry. 5:14

II. The elders pray for the sick in faith/righteousness.

III. The elders apply oil to the sick:

1. Oil was for medical purposes (unlikely).
2. Oil was an aid to faith.
3. Oil is a sign of the Holy Spirit.
4. Oil is a sign of the healing about to be experienced.
5. Oil and the elder (priest) are performing the sacrament of “Extreme Unction” (Roman Catholic position).

IV. Sin is to be confessed as it may be the cause of literally “weakness”.

V. God will forgive the sin(s).

VI. God will raise (heal) the sick/suffering.