

## THE BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO SUFFERING AND SICKNESS - Part II

Reference: **James 5:13-18**

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Praying is mentioned in each one of these verses and those instances are related to three specific categories of hurts we might experience.

ONE...we should pray if we're hurting in an \_\_\_\_\_ sense.  
**verse thirteen**, "*Is anyone among you **suffering**? Let him **pray**...*"

TWO...we should pray if we're hurting in a \_\_\_\_\_ sense.  
**verse fourteen**, "*Is anyone among you **sick**?...*"

There are four attitudes that people have about healing from sickness:

- the \_\_\_\_\_
- the \_\_\_\_\_
- the \_\_\_\_\_
- the \_\_\_\_\_

Fact one: God \_\_\_\_\_.

Fact two: \_\_\_\_\_ is healed.

Here's a biblical prescription for someone that has contracted a serious illness.

**Step one** is to acknowledge that God is \_\_\_\_\_. (He's in control.)  
Reference: **Deuteronomy 32:39**, "*Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; **I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal**...*"

**Step two** is to seek \_\_\_\_\_ medical attention.

Probably the strongest biblical evidence that God intended for his people to use medical means are the health aspects of the Mosaic legislation.

Consider some of those laws:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (**Exodus 29:14; Deuteronomy 23:12-14**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (**Leviticus 11:32, 39-40; Numbers 19:11; 31:22-23**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (**Leviticus 13:1-14:57; Numbers 5:4**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (**Leviticus 11:1-47**)

Jesus recognized \_\_\_\_\_ and medicine as legitimate healing agents.  
**(Matthew 9:12; Luke 10:25-37)**

Paul instructed Timothy to take some \_\_\_\_\_ as a medicinal solution for his stomach. (**I Timothy 5:23**)

\_\_\_\_\_ was a medical doctor and he accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys. (**Colossians 4:14**)

**Step three** is to remind ourselves of the biblical \_\_\_\_\_ for sickness.

**Step four** is to call for the leadership of the church to anoint us with \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse fourteen**, "*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord**.*"

There are two ideas as to what this oil might be:

- this oil is \_\_\_\_\_
- this oil is \_\_\_\_\_

**Step five** is to have the elders pray in \_\_\_\_\_ asking God for healing.  
**verse fifteen**, "*And the **prayer of faith** will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up...*"

Footnote: There are a number of healings in the New Testament that transpired without any faith on the part of the person being healed.

Reference: **Acts 5:16; 9:36-43; 19:11, 12; 20:9-12; 28:8, 9**, etc.

THREE...we should pray if we're hurting in a \_\_\_\_\_ sense.  
**verse sixteen**, "*Confess your trespasses (sins) to one another, and **pray for one another, that you may be healed**...*"  
**verses sixteen through eighteen** (see screen)