

SEQUENCE OF HEALING
in James 5:14-15
(Zodhiates Greek Word Study)

“If anyone is sick” = “*astheneo*” = without strength; severe sickness (*not run of the mill stuff*)

1. It makes sense that the sick person prays for healing (*our go to in any situation is prayer!*)
2. The sick takes the initiative to call the elders of the church to the sick believer’s bedside.
In the early Church, before prayer is offered, the elders were to provide **medical assistance**.
Anointing oil was a medical treatment!
Anoint = “*aleipho*” = to rub, to cover over; this is **medical treatment**.
Anoint = “*chiro*” = was a religious anointing for service
3. The specific order is clarified in the Greek text.
The word translated ***“anointing him”*** is an aorist participle.
This term describes an act which preceded the prayer; should be translated ***“having anointed”***.
4. Therefore, this instance denotes the application of **medicine** first; then the Elders are commanded to pray for the sick person.

Often, people refuse medical care and say prayer is all I need.

- This may sound religious, a real person of faith, but negates what God has given humanity in dealing with the consequence of the fall with disease, illness, and junk.
- God has provided medical care, doctors, nurses, etc., (*aleipho treatment*).

A person is instructed by the Holy Spirit and the inspired Word to seek the best medical care to treat their illness. If that fails, call the Elders of the Church to pray over them.