

Mark 2:1-12, Terry Townsend

Mark is the (immediately!) gospel and regarded as the (earliest) to be written

(Peter) is considered the likely source of Mark's information

Mark was written in (Greek) for a (Gentile) audience

John 21:25

25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Mark is showing us a (blueprint) for (Jesus-style) ministry

Matthew 9:35-38

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Mark 6:12-13

12 They (the disciples) went out and preached that people should repent.

13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The disciples (joined) in Jesus' pattern of ministry

James 5:14-16

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

The sick person exercises (faith) calling for the (elders) of the church - pastoral leadership

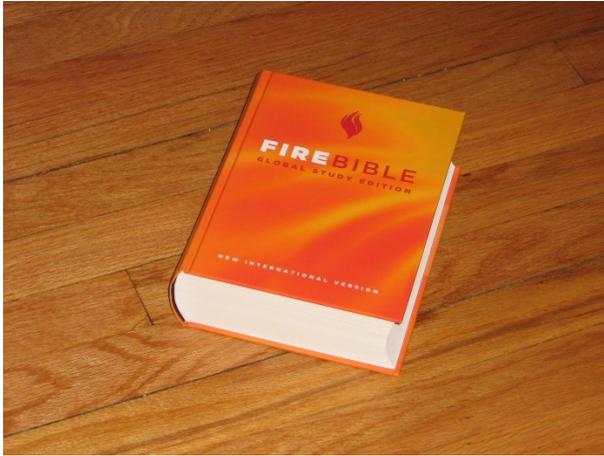
Physical well-being is never (separated) from or (emphasized above) our spiritual health.

According to Vs 15-16 (sometimes) sickness is caused by (sin)

Healing may come as result of (church-wide, group or personal) prayer

Anointing with oil is not (superstition) but (prophetic action), declaring our dependence on Anointed One, Jesus Christ who bought our healing on the cross.

Our job is to (pray), God's job is to (heal)



How to Pray for Healing – adapted from Fire Bible

1. Make sure you are in a right relationship with God, and others
- no unforgiveness!
2. Fill your life with God's Word
3. Keep praying! Ask God to reveal areas that need changing
4. Ask the church leadership, family, friends to pray for you
5. Keep a thankful attitude
- 6 Understand God's time is different than your time. Delay doesn't always mean "no"!
7. Rest in God's promise to "never leave you or forsake you."

Read Mark 1:40-45

Read Mark 2:1-12

Notice that Jesus sees the faith of (his friends)

“When Jesus said, Son, your sins are forgiven, he gave the man on the mat the key to entering a world that was bigger than the world where everyone else walked, earned a living and held a place of some respect in the social order. Jesus qualified him for the rule of God” – David McKenna

Having his (sins forgiven) was more important than (walking)

Jesus exercising authority over forgiveness of sins shows that he is (God)