

**`Believers Backpack**

# **Healing**

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## Chapter 1

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# What Went Wrong?

**P**eople are sick and in pain all over the world, and seek healing through a variety of natural and supernatural means. I've been in hospitals where sick people are hooked up to so many machines that you wonder whether the doctors and nurses even know what each one is supposed to do. Huge amounts of family money are spent to bring relief, comfort and sometimes healing to the sick and afflicted.

Those who seek healing through faith and simple prayer look to the supernatural to find solutions to problems that medical science has not been able to solve. I have seen people put their trust in the Lord for their healing and health, and miraculously recover as the Lord ministers His free gift to them.

It is my purpose in this book to help you discover how you can receive healing for your own physical need, and also play your part in ministering to others in their need. We start by looking at what went wrong in the beginning.

## What Went Wrong?

When God created mankind and placed them in the Garden of Eden, everything was perfectly in harmony with His will. It was all 'good.' No sickness or disease.

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God*

*said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

*And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.*

### **Genesis 1:26-31**

Man was created in God's exact likeness and image. However, at the fall through Adam's willful sin, sickness and death entered into the earth. Even the very earth itself was now cursed and subject to unnatural decay and disharmony.

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*Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

### **Genesis 2:15-17**

Adam was subject to a test of his willingness to obey God. He was not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If he did, he would surely die. The original Hebrew brings out the point that death would be a process. Literally the amplification is this: "In dying you shall surely die." This means that Adam would suffer 'spiritual death' or separation from God first, and then physical death would be its later consequence.

Sadly, Adam did disobey God, sinned and brought a curse on the earth. Adam became subject to mortality and would return to 'dust.' The tree of life was guarded from him lest he eat from it, and live eternally in a fallen state with no hope of restoration.

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':*

*"Cursed is the ground for your sake;*

*In toil you shall eat of it*

*All the days of your life.*

*Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,*

*And you shall eat the herb of the field.*

*In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread*

*Till you return to the ground,*

*For out of it you were taken;*

*For dust you are,*

*And to dust you shall return."*

### **Genesis 3:17-19**

*So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. **Genesis 3:24***

The fall affected both the ‘inner and outer man.’ Sin had entered in, and death followed.

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, ... **Romans 5:12***

Notice that death means ‘separation from’ its source of life, not a cessation of life. So when the inner man separates out from the body we call this physical death. When the inner man is separated from the Spirit of God we call this spiritual death. Adam’s physical death was the consequence of his spiritual separation from God.

So, for God to set a plan in motion to restore mankind to his original condition, He would have to take care of spiritual death and replace it with life. This would impact the physical body too, because the spirit and the body are tied together.

*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.*

**Acts 3:19-22**

All things are to be restored! God’s plan was, and still is, a ‘whole plan for the whole man.’ It does not artificially separate the inner and outer needs of man.

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Although scripture recognizes spirit, soul and body, we are still one human being.

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**1Thessalonians 5:23**

Jesus came to live and die as the culmination of that prophetic plan, and to restore us to a quality of life as God lives it. Through faith in Christ we are connected to the source of life: God Himself.

*...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

**John 10:10**

The plan to restore mankind continues in our time as Jesus calls, restores, equips, trains, and releases believers like you and me to further God's will in our generation.

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

**Mark 16:15-18**

Notice that in His commission to the church Jesus links man's spiritual well being with the physical. God is interested in making the whole man whole again. This



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plan must be known, enjoyed and shared with others. It began in the Old Testament and followed through to the New Testament or 'Covenant.'

Covenant in the Bible has always implied an exchange: "What is mine is yours; and what's yours is mine!" In other words, God made a way to exchange His health and healing for our sickness. This exchange took place on the cross, at least in God's mind! It is now up to us to believe and receive this for ourselves.

When Jesus died on the cross, He not only took our sin on Himself as the sacrificial Lamb of God, He also bore our sickness and pain.

*Surely He has borne our griefs  
And carried our sorrows;  
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
Smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,*

*And by His stripes we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

### **Isaiah 53:4-6**

Most people do not realize that according to the original Hebrew language the 'griefs' and 'sorrows' refer to 'sickness' and 'pain' respectively. Sure, most Christians accept that Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice on the cross purchased forgiveness for our sin, but not all believe that the stripes He bore on His back as part of His crucifixion also purchased healing for us! It is true to say that healing is as much part of the atonement as forgiveness of sin.

When Jesus gave Himself up as the perfect covenant sacrificial lamb, He revealed God's compassion

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and provision for total restoration of fallen man. It is by His blood that we are forgiven, and by His stripes we are healed!

In fact, the Psalmist exhorts us not to forget either of these covenant benefits:

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases, ...*  
**Psalm 103:1-3**

God's person, nature and intent are consistent through time. He does not change with time. Jesus is the same as He has always been. What He does stems from who He is, and He has not changed His mind about our healing.

*"For I am the LORD, I do not change;..."*  
**Malachi 3:6**

This means that if He was the healer of afflicted bodies then, He still is now! When He revealed Himself to Moses, He showed Himself to be 'Jehovah Rapha.' This covenant name describes both God's person and will. Healing is not merely something God does. It is inherently wrapped up in what makes Him God. He is 'I am' the 'ever existent Lord who heals and continues to heal.' He is **not** the 'I was' God who used to heal, but has now decided not to heal anymore in our time. This is utter nonsense. Thank God He still heals today.

*For I am the LORD who heals you."*  
**Exodus 15:26**

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The next chapter explores how Jesus accurately shows us the Father's heart for our physical well-being.

### **Useful Definitions**

But first, here are some useful definitions to serve as a foundation for understanding God's will regarding our healing. These are definitions distilled out from looking into the Greek and Hebrew from which our modern translations were derived. The original languages that the Bible was written in tend to bring out aspects not normally evident in modern English.

Sickness: "state of disease and disorder, imbalance, distress, infirmity or weakness."

Death: "separation from the source of life: both physical and spiritual."

Health: "state of well being and soundness where there is freedom of function."

Healing: "to make whole, to remedy, to cure, to restore to a sound state."

Covenant: "two party contract of agreement to bring about mutual benefit."

Salvation: "deliverance, safety, preservation, healing and soundness."

Gospel: "good news of God's salvation for man through Jesus."

Compassion: "tender love, pity and felt distress."

## Chapter 2

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# Jesus Heals the Sick

*...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

**Acts 10:38**

**T**he healing ministry of Jesus best shows God's heart for our physical well-being. Jesus came to earth to do only God's will, and all that He said and did perfectly represented God's person, nature and will.

"Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God."

**Hebrews 10:9**

...He who has seen Me has seen the Father; ...

**John 14:9**

There was never a moment where Jesus slipped up and sinned. He only did good, and healed all who were oppressed by the devil. To my mind this is clear. God wants us well, the devil wants us oppressed and sick!

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The Bible teaches that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit and ministered with a particular *modus operandi*. As the 'Son of man' He was anointed to preach and perform miracles.

*"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

*To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."*

**Luke 4:18-19**

Wherever He went He would preach and teach, and as faith arose in His hearers, He met their needs through the power of God and healed them. Healing was therefore a natural fruit of His preaching and teaching ministry. The word He ministered was confirmed with following signs.

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.*

**Matthew 4:23-24**

His 'fame' spread. People heard that Jesus could heal, and everyone who came would hear His word. It is interesting to see the importance of healing miracles. In the gospels, twenty six out of the thirty seven recorded miracles were healings of physical problems.

## He Was Both Able and Willing to Heal

*Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.*

**Mark 1:40-42**

Many well-meaning religious folk in some church circles believe that God can heal, but are not sure whether He is willing to heal them. This passage should settle the matter. Not only is God able, but He is definitely willing to heal you. Never doubt that.

## Why did Jesus heal the sick?

Jesus was motivated at all times by His desire to fulfill the call and prophecy over His life. He sought always to perfectly manifest God's will on earth.

*When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:*

*"He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."*

**Matthew 8:16-17**

His healing ministry fulfilled God's covenant of healing. God had revealed Himself throughout Israel's history as the nation's Covenant Healer: 'Jehovah Rapha'

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and as Emmanuel or ‘God with us’ He did what He had promised to do: heal His people.

Then another reason why Jesus healed was because He was moved with compassion for the sick and oppressed. He felt for their suffering and did something about it. Compassion moved Him to meet their needs, and it is no different today. He is still moved by suffering.

*And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*

**Matthew 14:14**

## **Did Jesus Heal Everyone?**

Scripture declares that Jesus did indeed heal **all** who came to Him.

*When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.*

**Luke 4:40**

*But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all*

**Matthew 12:15-16**

Interestingly, there were some who doubted, and they went away disappointed, but not because Jesus was unwillingly to heal them. The exceptions were because of strong unbelief fed by religious tradition that invalidated the word that He was preaching. In this instance He could only heal some sickly folk, but He could not perform any mighty miracles in his home country.

*Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.*

**Mark 6:5-6**

Jesus had come to His home country where it seems as if familiarity bred contempt for His status as a prophet of God. People knew Him according to His human background and upbringing, and were blinded to His divine person. They were bound by unbelief having chosen not to receive Him in His fullness: human and divine!

As a consequence, His healing ministry was limited, and He could only minister to those few sickly people. Sad to say, in our time there are many churches that are ‘embalmed’ in unbelief and miracles hardly ever happen there.

The flow of the miraculous in your life has a lot to do with the way in which you receive God’s ministers. Be careful not to derail your miracle by foolishly focusing on what you think you know about this or that minister God is using. Walk humbly in this area.



## **Did Everyone get Healed Instantly In Jesus Ministry?**

In general, most people were healed instantly in Jesus ministry, but there were those that were healed **as they went** their way. Skeptics have argued that if healing were truly for today, then everyone would be instantly healed just like Jesus in His day. This sounds good, but it does not accurately reflect every situation in Jesus healing ministry. Consider these two occasions where a progressive healing through time is apparent or implied.

*Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."*

### **Luke 17:11-19**

The lepers were cleansed **as they went** to show themselves to the priests! The clear implication is that their recovery was progressive!

The healing of the blind man affords us with another example of progressive healing.

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*Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."*

**Mark 8:22**

This man's eyesight was not immediately restored. Jesus was obliged to minister to Him more than once. He laid His hands on Him twice on this occasion, and although he saw clearly there was a 'progressive healing.' I don't believe this is being too technical, but rather an accurate understanding of how recovery can take place over time.

## **Did Jesus Heal Everyone the Same Way Every Time?**

Jesus adopted various methods in ministering to the sick. He was led by the Holy Spirit to apply different methods at different times.

## **Laying On of Hands**

First, He laid hands on people and transferred the healing anointing into their bodies. This anointing drove out anything that was ailing them. We saw this earlier on in Luke 4:40.

## The Touch of Faith

Second, there were those sought to simply touch Him or His clothing. Their faith was such that all they needed was a point of contact, and the anointing flowed out from His being into them.

The woman with the issue of blood pressed through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. As she did so, the virtue or power of God flowed out of Jesus who did not even know who touched Him. He only felt the power go out of Him.

*So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment; for she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*

**Mark 5:24-35**

There must have been many people in the crowd who touched Him as they jostled around Jesus and His disciples

as they moved through town. Yet, on this occasion, there was one touch that made all the difference: the touch of faith! The woman believed, and most importantly, spoke out her faith in advance of reaching Jesus. She believed and confessed that when she touched Him, she would be healed, and she was! Faith has a voice, and the key to this spiritual dynamic is that when you believe something in your heart, you must speak it! She did, and her faith was rewarded.

## **He Simply Spoke the Word**

Third, there were occasions where all that was required for a healing to take place, was for Jesus to simply speak the word! He did not have to touch anybody, nor they Him.

In the following example the centurion was commended for his high degree of faith. Remember he was not even a Jew, a member of God's chosen people. Yet because of His faith, he got what he wanted - further proof that God's will is to heal everybody.

*Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come*

*from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.*

**Matthew 8:8**

The centurion was a man under authority. He knew that authority comes from a higher source. So when he spoke to Jesus, he knew that Jesus was also under a higher authority, God's authority. God the Father had commissioned Jesus to do His will - in this context - to heal the sick. The centurion recognized this, and his 'great' faith was rewarded.

## **Miracle Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Fourth, Jesus healed people through the miracle gifts of the Holy Spirit. Remember, He was anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach, teach and heal. He did not heal simply because he was the 'son of God.' In fact, He functioned in His ministry as the 'son of man' anointed by the Holy Spirit.

In the following example, it appears that three gifts of the Holy Spirit were operating in raising the widow's son from the dead: the working of miracles, gifts of healings and the gift of (special) faith. Notice too, that He was moved with a compassion that initiated the miracle. In this case neither the boy nor his mother, were exercising any faith: he was dead and she was full of sorrow weeping!

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*Now it happened, the day after that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.*

**Luke 7:11-17**

Be encouraged as you reflect on the different ways in which Jesus mercifully ministered to the sick.

## **Healings Do Not ‘sort of’ Happen**

In summary, Jesus’ healing miracles did not just ‘sort of happen.’ In each case there was a definite context in which the God’s power was released. He always rewarded individual and group faith, gave instructions, and as they were obeyed healing was administered. Read the Gospels to see all the recorded healing miracles Jesus performed. It will bless you greatly.

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## The Disciples Heal the Sick

**S**ome say that Jesus simply healed to prove that He was God. We have seen that this was not His primary motive. He was moved with compassion for sick people. When he called his disciples on one occasion and gave them power to heal as well, it was so that God's mercy could be passed on to more people through delegation. He wanted to reach more and more people in need, and was able to do so through the transfer of His anointing to His disciples.

### Jesus Delegated His Power

First, Jesus appointed the twelve apostles to extend His healing and deliverance ministry. He literally gave them in-service training.

*Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. Whatever house you*

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*enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.*

**Luke 9:1-6**

They had to learn His modus operandi for themselves. They were to preach to build faith in the hearer, and heal to confirm the word with signs following which the Holy Spirit performed.

Later, Jesus further extended His ministry by delegating the same power to seventy others also.

*After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ... And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*

**Luke 10:1, 9**

The kingdom of God is characterized by healing! We are taught to pray that God's will is done and that His kingdom come. Be fervent in praying that healing come in our time.

Jesus later extended His healing ministry to a include anyone who believed!

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." **Mark 16:15-20***



At His ascension, He included ‘those who believe.’ Some erroneously claim that only the apostles had the power to heal so that the early church could be established. Obviously scripture teaches otherwise.

The believers in the early church were instructed to follow the same pattern: go preach or proclaim the good news, and heal the sick. The healing ministry is central to the gospel, and is not some side issue relegated to super Christians, ministers or the specially gifted. Healing is the responsibility of all believers!

## **What it was like in the Early Church?**

It is interesting to note the faith filled environment in which healing took place in the early church. It is my conviction that if we were to reproduce such an environment of faith and heightened spirituality, we would be blessed to see many more healings in the modern church than we see now. In fact, there are some churches and ministries where miracles are a regular occurrence. As you consider the following scriptures, look for areas where your own life and that of the church you belong to, can and should change.

First, the early church was characterized by diligent devotion to the Lord through four key areas: apostolic doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers.

*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and*

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*breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**Acts 2:42-47**

Their brand of steadfastness found expression in a daily commitment to God. He was not relegated to a Wednesday evening / Sunday morning slot in some sort of part time devotion. They were radically consumed with a passion for God and His people. This was the ‘mix’ that encouraged the Spirit to move in their midst.

This new life also produced unity, and a spirit of generosity.

*Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.*

**Acts 4:32-35**

Their attitude towards sharing their possessions seemed to keep the heavens open for great power to be demonstrated through the leadership. Unity is a heaven sent blessing that encourages the miraculous. So is servanthood.

In the next passage we see the disciples selflessly serving their fellow man in any way possible. The net result was that the leadership was able to focus on prayer and the ministry of the word. They dealt with the food distribution problem at hand in a responsible and Godlike

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manner. The flow of the Spirit was kept open to the congregation and the miracles continued as proper delegation was established.

*Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

### **Acts 6:1-8**

The following examples illustrate the point that healings occurred after Jesus' return to heaven. They also give insight into the operation of the Holy Spirit with the believer in this dispensation of God's grace.

Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the hour of prayer when the lame man was cured. This man's focus was different to theirs. He looked to passersby to meet his needs through the giving of alms. Peter and John's focus however, was on the power of God to meet needs. Whilst he had resigned himself to a lifetime of looking to man, they had given themselves to seeking God in prayer. Had they not

been focused on a disciplined lifestyle of prayer, the man may not have been healed!

*Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and*

*gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.*

**Acts 3:1-8**

Peter and John used the most powerful name in the universe to effect this healing. They yielded to the anointing of the Holy Spirit and lifted him up by the hand. They simply ministered healing. They already knew God's will was to heal this man, so did not even need to seek God's special permission or guidance. They acted in the authority they already had been delegated with. The Holy Spirit gift of healing was performed with no evident faith on the lame man's behalf, and this shows that there are occasions where the Holy Spirit moves on people as He wills.

The word records that Stephen was a deacon who served tables in the local church in Jerusalem. He was not

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even an apostle, yet was anointed to perform miracles as a believer!

*And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

**Acts 6:8**

Stephen was ‘full’ because he hung around the apostles who were devoted to prayer and the ministry of the word. He stayed full of the Spirit as his faith was constantly being fed as he sat under their word. The great wonders and signs he performed were a by-product of his close association with the Lord and the apostles.

Phillip the evangelist followed the pattern. He preached and healed. He was not an apostle either. Yet the power of God flowed mightily through this believer. The city rejoiced as many paralyzed and lame were healed, and the possessed delivered. The city erupted in joy as God’s kingdom had come to them through this bold believer’s ministry.

*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.*

**Acts 8:5-8**

Later, the apostle Paul was preaching the gospel in Lystra. Obviously part of his message was that God had a plan for the whole man: spirit, soul and body. The man heard Paul speaking and faith arose in his heart. Romans 10:17 shows that faith is a product of hearing the word and does not come from prayer, good works, or some other source. It comes by hearing, and this man had heard the word. Paul was drawn to him and observed him

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intently. He then commanded him to rise up and walk. No prayer or anointing with oil was needed, only a bold command to be healed!

*...they were preaching the gospel there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.*

### **Acts 14:7-10**

This is another clear example of the authority of the believer in operation. Paul had shared a gospel that included healing as the will of God.

In summary, we have seen that healing in the ministry of the apostles, deacons, evangelists and believers was not administered in some sort of spiritual 'vacuum.' The key ingredients for healing miracles were: corporate obedience in the church, preaching of the gospel, faith, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a bold exercise of delegated authority.

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# God Still Heals Today

**N**ow that we have laid a foundation of God's willingness and ability to heal through His people let us focus on how He heals today. God stretches out His hand to heal us in many different ways. There is no one fixed means of healing that He uses. Our responsibility is to be open to receive healing by any or all of the following means.

### **Faith in Jesus' Completed Work on the Cross**

This was made clear in chapter one when we looked at the big picture. God's spokesman Isaiah, prophesied that Jesus would bare (take away) both the sins and sicknesses of man on the cross (Isaiah 53:4-5). The apostle Peter, who personally walked with Jesus for over three years, looked back at the completed work of Christ this way.

*... who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.*

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### **1 Peter 2:24**

Peter saw this as a past tense reality: 'by whose stripes you **were** healed' (emphasis added.) It seems as if few Christians will deny that we are forgiven now of our sins by faith, but many cannot seem to see that the same applies to sickness. We are already healed by Jesus' sacrifice, and need to believe and boldly declare this in the same way as we do our forgiveness for sin.

Is this too good to be true? No, it is not. The Bible does not give us permission to limit God's work to only the spiritual realm. His will is to save and prosper us spirit, soul and body. The apostle John also shows that the 'Shalom' peace and prosperity of God is all encompassing: spirit, soul and body.

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

### **3 John 2**

Our faith in God for healing is expressed in an expectant declaration or confession of faith that we are healed according to the word of God. We receive God's provision by verbally agreeing with what He has already done and stated to belong to us in Christ. It is not enough to mentally assent to God's will: the spirit or essence of faith is that when we truly believe something, we will speak it out!

*We also believe and therefore speak.*

### **2 Corinthians 4:13**

## **The Laying on of Hands**

The second method of healing was commissioned by the Lord Jesus Himself where He commanded all



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believers to lay hands on the sick. Yet this foundational teaching of Jesus is largely ignored in many circles. This method was common in Bible times, and should be in our time.

*"...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

**Mark 16:18**

I have seen many people healed of a variety of ailments through the laying on of hands. As a minister my responsibility is to lay hands on the sick, and God's responsibility is to effect the healing in their bodies.

Let me encourage you to start laying hands on the sick. This method is not the special domain of super gifted saints, but of every believer! Ask God to show you who you should pray for. Be led by the Spirit, for He will show you those that are ready to receive. Be sure to share the scriptures concerning healing, and where necessary, teach the person how to receive the healing. Then go ahead and lay hands on the sick and expect God to work through you to confirm the word you have spoken. Remember, your job is to pray and lay hands in faith. It is not up to you to heal, that is God's job. Simply minister God's healing power in faith.

## **Anointing of Oil & The Prayer of Faith by the Elders**

*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. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

## **James 5:14**

This passage refers to people who are so sick that they cannot exercise faith for themselves and need to have someone visit them. Through calling for help, they open themselves up to the authority of the elders, who now have permission to release their faith in the situation through prayer and the anointing of oil.

This is an example of how the life of God in one member of the body of Christ is transferred to another in need. Involvement and connection with the local church is seen here to be very important in the matter of spiritual authority and the transfer of blessing. Notice also, that there is a close connection between forgiveness of sin and healing. Unfortunately there are occasions where Christians fall so deep into sickness because of continued sin in their lives. By God's grace both issues can be dealt with through the ministry of elders in the church.

## **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

In this method, someone is healed when a minister supernaturally identifies an affliction that the person is suffering from, and calls it out through the gift of healings.

*And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*

### **1 Corinthians 12:28**

This gift is often manifested in meetings that are given over to the leading of the Holy Spirit. In these cases

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the man or woman of God receives directly from God words of knowledge concerning people's situations. When the people who are sick or afflicted respond they are set free from their afflictions.

This special category of gifts of healings must not be confused with God's will concerning all believers who are under command to play their part in healing. The above passage in First Corinthians speaks of a special ministry category, but in no way minimizes the believer's responsibility in bringing healing to the sick.

## God's Word

The word of God is the primary means by which God reveals His person, character and will. When we saturate ourselves in God's word, it has the power to effect healing in our physical bodies. The word conveys the life of God, and His life drives out sickness. A thorough consistent examination of, inclination towards, acceptance of and belief in the power of God's word opens us up to the His healing virtue to flow into our lives. The word becomes health to our flesh.

*My son, give attention to my words;  
Incline your ear to my sayings.  
Do not let them depart from your eyes;  
Keep them in the midst of your heart;  
For they are life to those who find them,  
And health to all their flesh.*

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

## Fasting and Prayer

Then there are situations where some strong bondage or burden needs to be broken before a healing

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can spring forth. God has provided the means of breakthrough: fasting and prayer. Fasting causes a person to position themselves to more easily receive from God. When there is 'clutter' in our spiritual (and physical) lives, fasting can sensitize or focus us on the right spiritual wavelength so to speak. The ordinary things of life can come between us God's provision.

*"Is this not the fast that I have chosen:*

*To loose the bonds of wickedness,  
To undo the heavy burdens,  
To let the oppressed go free,  
And that you break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;  
When you see the naked, that you cover him,  
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?  
Then your light shall break forth like the morning,  
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,*

*And your righteousness shall go before you;  
The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'*

### **Isaiah 58:6-8**

The fast that God chooses is to bring deliverance to others. When we loose our focus on serving God and others, and become self indulgent in our lives, we need to take stock of what we are not doing, repent and do what God requires. He requires that we play our part in setting others free and meeting their needs. When we sow into the lives of others in this way, we can expect that our own needs are met: healing springs forth and our prayers are answered! That is God's promise. Examine yourself in the light of God's word to see whether you are selfishly or selflessly motivated in your devotion.

## Healing and the ‘Praise Cure’

The pattern in most people is that they will only bless God after He has blessed them. Yet when the pattern is reversed, and the Lord is praised **before** the need is met, this can bring on God’s healing. Praise is a high expression of faith that invokes God’s promised provision.

We praise God because He has promised to meet all our needs in Christ. When we believe these promises and receive them into our heart and soul, and bless the Lord, He will honor His part of the covenant. He will forgive and heal!

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,*

**Psalm 103:2-3**

Learn to bless the Lord in praise, bring to remembrance His promised provision, and then enjoy the fruit of this covenant relationship!

People who are constantly sad have little hope. Hope often finds expression in laughter. Laughter is another means by which we are healed today. Even medical science acknowledges the value of a happy environment. Clowns are used in children’s hospitals to bring laughter to sick children. Some people have even comedy videos and laughed their way to health.

*A merry heart does good, like medicine,  
But a broken spirit dries the bones.*

**Proverbs 17:22**

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A broken or sad spirit affects the inner core (his bones) of any person, whereas merriment or laughter has the opposite effect. It is medicinal. God is a happy God, is not opposed to laughter, and wants His children to have a merry heart.

## **Living Right**

Finally, there is another way in which we can at least stay healthy, if not get healed, and that is through living a self-examined life, holy life.

If we do not judge ourselves to be wrong when we do wrong, we carry with us an unnecessary burden of either unforgiveness or guilt. If we shift the blame onto others or ignore the need for confessing our sin, we run the risk of getting sick in the process. Paul taught on this when he wrote to the Corinthian church noted for its carnality and lack of spiritual self-examination. He had to instruct them to examine themselves at communion time so that they would avoid getting sick. Some of the Corinthians even died an unnecessarily early death simply because they did not examine their lives!

*Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.*

**1 Corinthians 11:27-32**

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They brought their problems on themselves. For example, harmful words and actions towards others in the body of Christ displease the Lord and result in condemnation. The body of the Lord was given for all men and we need to treat one another right in love. If we don't, we eat and drink judgment to ourselves at communion.

Let the word chasten you so that you stay holy and walk in love towards your brothers and sisters in Christ. When you love and forgive others, your faith works better.

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.*

**Galatians 5:6**

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# Positioned to Receive

**L**ike a ball player moving into position to receive a pass or ball, we need to position ourselves to receive healing from God. It is our responsibility to move into the proper position. God has already made His move. He is in position, and is not moving. He has already sent Jesus, the Holy Spirit and His word. So in order to receive from God, we have to do the moving!

We have seen that God has set in motion certain scriptural principles in His Word. It is our responsibility to study, submit to, and meditate on His healing promises.

## Keep Hearing the Word

Be sure to keep on hearing the Word concerning healing. Romans 10:17 does **not** imply that we are to hear the word once, and then that settles it. Faith is strengthened as we keep on hearing the word. If you have need of healing listen to teaching and scripture reading tapes on healing.



## **Believe and Declare God's Promises**

Be convinced that God is both able and willing to heal you, receive the word of healing as a seed in your heart and boldly declare that you are already healed in the name of Jesus. Remember Mark 11:23-24 teaches that we must believe we receive before we actually get the manifestation for what we praying for. If we truly believe something, then we will speak out or confess what we believe. In the same way Christians believe and declare that they will go to heaven when they eventually die, we are to declare our healing before we even experience it.

## **Do Not Be Moved by Circumstances**

Of course there will be times when your faith is challenged. The adversary of your soul does not want you to see the victory. Do not be moved by circumstances that are contrary to your belief.

The account of Jairus who had come to Jesus to ask Him to come and heal his daughter shows how we play a part in rejecting contrary circumstances. Jairus' faith was in motion. He had made his move and come to Jesus. Jesus responded and was on His way, but the party was delayed by the woman with the issue of blood who received her healing by pressing through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. We pick up the account as some folk came from Jairus' household with bad news.

*While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."*

### **Mark 5:35-36**

His daughter had died in the meantime! Yet look at Jesus' response. He instructed Jairus not to fear, but to only believe. In effect He was saying: 'Jairus, you need to keep your 'switch of faith' turned on! Do not succumb to the contrary circumstances!' In effect, Jesus encouraged Jairus to keep playing His part in the miracle. He was to stand on the promise Jesus made to come and heal his daughter.

Anything that happened in the meantime, even death, was now contrary to the will of God, and should be resisted with faith. Jairus was to reject fear, and only believe. Apparently, Jairus did just this, and his daughter was raised from the dead!

Perhaps your circumstances look hopeless and fear has crept into your heart. Make the choice to not give in to fear, because the circumstances are subject to change through the power of God. Keep your faith intact and keep expecting the miracle. Keep listening to the word of healing, and take every single contrary thought captive.

### **Keep Company with People Who Support Your Faith**

It also helps to associate with others of like-minded faith to agree with and support you in prayer. Do not fellowship with people who are unsure of God's will and are likely to undermine your faith as they voice their doubts. I have seen how supposedly well meaning people will surround someone who is sick, and ignorantly introduce seeds of doubt by not aggressively agreeing with the revealed will of God regarding healing. You don't need religious naysayers who do not support your

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faith when you are sick and standing in faith to receive healing.

*So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.*

**Matthew 9:1-8**

In this account Jesus commended **‘their faith’**. The paralytic’s friends were supporting his faith! Their faith helped precipitate the miracle. In converse, friends who may be nice people, but filled with unbelief can detract from your faith and hinder the purposes of God. Hard as this may be, it is nevertheless true. You cannot expect the word of God to be watered down or diluted with some unbelief and still produce miraculous results. Politely arrange your life to avoid doubting naysayers.

## **What about Professional Medical Care?**

When it comes to professional medical care, be satisfied that the treatment you are receiving is complimentary to your faith. Realize that such treatment is not necessarily a sign of a lack of faith. God is more gracious than we care to admit, and is in the business of

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getting people healed and restored through whatever means He can, and that includes honest medical science. Of course there are situations where the practice of physicians does not help nor bring about a cure. In such cases know that God is the ‘Great Physician’ – Jehovah Rapha the Lord who heals, He knows exactly what you need and is always able to turn seeming hopeless situations around!

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# Living in Divine Health

*Beloved I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

**3 John 2**

**H**ealing is for those that are sick. Health is for those that are well, and want to stay that way. God's best is for you to walk in divine health where you do not even get sick and need healing. In short, you don't have to get sick!

This happy state can be achieved as you cooperate with Him to stay healthy. Your lives and health are governed by various spiritual and physical laws, which need to be consistently obeyed to enjoy God's protection in a fallen world where disease and distress are so prevalent.

## Diet, Exercise and Sleep Habits

Physically, we position ourselves for health by maintaining suitable diet, exercise and sleep habits. Medical science has shown the connections between good health and proper diet, a vigorous exercise program, and suitable sleep.

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Many people treat their cars better than their bodies. They put in the right fuel, make oil changes and pay for servicing and check ups. Somehow, people think that they can abuse their bodies and nothing will ever go wrong. They think that eating the foods of their fancy will not have any negative consequences. Yet the Bible teaches that if we sow to the flesh we will reap corruption or breakdown of the flesh. God has designed our bodies to be vessels to fulfill His will for at least seventy satisfying years. However, even some Christians die early because they have not taken a 'inventory' of how they live their lives.

We are commanded to take stock of our lifestyles to be sure that we are in God's will in all areas.

## Live Right

There is a connection between our spiritual walk with God and health. Our lives must be lived worthy of what the Lord has done for us through His sacrifice on the cross. If we do not discern His body that was broken for our healing, and walk contrary to His laws, we run the risk of weakness, sickness, and in extreme cases, even death. When we judge our lifestyles as to whether they line up with the Word or not, we avoid being judged.

As we walk in love towards our brothers and sisters in Christ, we promote health and thus longevity.

*"He who would love life  
And see good days,  
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,  
And his lips from speaking deceit.  
Let him turn away from evil and do good;  
Let him seek peace and pursue it.  
For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
And His ears are open to their prayers;  
But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."*

**1 Peter 3:10-12**

We also saw this lesson outlined in the Corinthian Church example in Chapter Four.

## Speak Right

Since the power of life and death resides in the tongue, (see Proverbs 18:21), what we say and then consequently do, has an effect on our health. Yes, you can talk yourself into and out of health! If we consistently speak negativity in all areas of life, we are dragged down into depression and despair, and this can affect our health.

People who are depressed usually suffer from physical ailments that clear up when they come out from under that depression. Conversely, when we speak faith and life words, we promote health in our bodies, for the words of God spoken in faith are:

*...health to all their flesh.*

### **Proverbs 4:22**

God expects us to be spiritually and physically in tune with Him through His word. We are to maintain ‘spiritual fitness.’ It is our responsibility and no one else’s, to walk in step with Him. Physical fitness is good and helps a little, but living uprightly and speaking positively affects everything.

*For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.*

### **1 Timothy 4:8-9**

Enjoy God’s best and walk in divine health as you receive the profit from both bodily exercise and godliness. By all means exercise right, but also live and speak right!

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## The Great Physician's Prescription

### Jesus is the Great Physician

*"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*

**Matt 9:12**

**J**esus is the Great Physician and has come to heal those who are sick. One look around and you will see that there is still a great need for the healing ministry of Jesus. Unlike medical doctors, Jesus is not 'practicing.' He knows us well, and has the solution to all ills. Be open to the Great Physician's prescription as shown in this concluding chapter.

The power of God's word when it is believed and spoken in faith is enough to bring wholeness to spirit, soul and body. Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and the tongue of the wise promotes health. What we speak out of our mouths ought to reflect what we really believe.

Meditate in God's word long enough to be convinced of His promises and give your faith a voice. Because words are conveyers of spirit and life, your faith is 'activated' when you speak out what you believe.



## **Personalize God's Promises to you**

This is the Great Physician's prescription: speak out loud the following Bible statements as often as you need to. Notice that you are not asking God to do something He has already done. You are confidently stating what you believe to be already so. Boldly apply God's word to your life in a personal way. As you do, God will watch over His word to perform it on your behalf.

Call those things that are not yet manifest in your life to be as if they are. This is the first operation of faith. His heart's desire is to see you well, joyfully following Him without the burden of sickness and disease. He even sees you taking it further and ministering healing to other people in need. So be a doer of the word and be blessed.

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### **The Prescription... Take as Often as Necessary!**

- *According to Your Word You are my covenant healer "Jehovah Rapha - The Lord Who Heals Me". You take sickness away from the midst of me.*

**Exodus 15:26 / Deuteronomy 7:15**

- *Lord, You hear my cry and Your heart is to heal me.*

**2 Kings 20:5**

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- *Today, I acknowledge Your benefits: You forgive my iniquities and heal all my diseases. I thank and praise You for this provision. You crown me with loving kindness and tender mercies.*

**Psalm 103:2-4**

- *Today, I declare in faith that You have already sent Your Word and healed me, delivering me from destruction.*

**Psalm 107:20**

- *You suffered on the cross for me and were wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities. It is by Your stripes that I am healed.*

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

- *I give attention to Your Word and incline my ear to Your sayings - they are life to me and health to all my flesh.*

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

- *I believe the good news and my bones are healthy.*

**Proverbs 15:30**

- *Lord, I stand in agreement with Your will for my physical well being. In the New Covenant I see You healing all manner of sickness and diseases among all the people.*

**Matthew 4:23-24**

- *You are moved with compassion for me.*

**Matthew 14:14**

- *Lord Jesus, You were anointed by the Holy Spirit to heal all the oppressed.*

**Acts 10:38**

- *I believe You took my pain and sickness.*

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**Matthew 8:17**

- *In faith I declare You to be my Healer, for You are the same as You have always been.*

**Hebrews 13:8**

- *I rejoice knowing that You are watching over Your Word right now to perform it on my behalf.*

**Jeremiah 1:12**

- *I bless You with all that is within me and I hold fast to these confessions.*

**Hebrews 4:14**

(Underwritten By The Lord Jesus Christ)

## **If you have never accepted Jesus as your Lord**

God has made it possible for you to get into right relationship with Him.

He sent His Son Jesus into the world to live, die and rise again from the dead so that you could be forgiven of your sins, live a life that pleases Him, and joined to Him forever in heaven when you die.

God expects you to **acknowledge** your need for His forgiveness, **believe** that He raised Jesus from the dead, and be prepared to **confess** Jesus as Lord before witnesses in the world you live in.

Accept His free gift of eternal life today. Turn away from your sinful past, wholeheartedly put your trust in Him today. Pray this prayer out loud from your heart, you will be giving your life back to him, and He will love, protect and provide for you all the days of your life.

*Dear God in heaven,*

*I accept that I need your forgiveness for my sin.*

*I repent and acknowledge that I cannot save myself.*

*I believe that you raised your only begotten son Jesus from the dead.*

*I ask you to come into my heart right now and be my Lord.*

*I confess you Jesus as the Lord (master) of my life.*

*I promise to serve you all my days.*

*Thank you for saving me. I am now your child, accepted into your family.*

*In Jesus name I pray, Amen.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend,

Now that you have prayed this prayer, get into a good Bible believing church that focuses on Jesus and His word, read your Bible starting with the gospel of John in the New Testament, and tell someone that you have accepted Jesus as Your Lord. Pray to your new heavenly father every day, and look to God to help you in every area of your life.

God bless you.