

Adventures!

The Gifts of Healing

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Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by that one Spirit

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-9

God's Perspective on Healing

(Theology of Healing)

God is a Healer by Nature

- He revealed His name as Jehovah Rapha, God our Healer
 - *I am the LORD, who heals you.” Ex. 15:26*
- His presence brings healing
 - *“But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings” (NKJV) Malachi 4:2*
 - *“And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.” Luke 5:17*

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The atonement of Christ includes provision for healing

- ▶ *Revelation 13:8 "...the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world."*
- ▶ *Isaiah 53:4 Surely he took up our pain [or "sickness"] and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (NIV)*
- ▶ *Matthew 8:16 When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."*

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Jesus Demonstrated God's Will — He healed all who came

- ▶ *Luke 4:40 When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.*
- ▶ *Mark 6:56 They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.*
- ▶ *Matthew 14:36 and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were cured. (NASB)*
- ▶ *Mark 6:56 And wherever he went--into villages, towns or countryside--they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.*

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Jesus Demonstrated God's Will — The Shock and Awe Campaign



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- Showed the enemy what was coming
- Showed the world and the American people what we were capable of
- Provided a new strategy for generals of the future to emulate

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Jesus Commissioned His Followers to Heal

- The Twelve
 - *Matthew 10:7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*
- The Seventy
 - *Luke 10:8 When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, "The kingdom of God is near you."*

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- All who Believe
 - *John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*
 - *Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*
 - *James 5:16 Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. (NASB)*

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Healing Plays an Important Role in Spreading the Kingdom

- Validates the message of the gospel
 - *Mark 16:20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*
- Healing churches are growing churches
 - Greatest church growth in the U.S. is in the churches where healing is a regular part of the ministry
 - The greatest church growth in the world is in countries where healing is a regular part of the churches' ministry
 - C. Peter Wagner, *How to Have a Healing Ministry in Any Church*

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The Role of Faith in Healing

- Faith of the person receiving healing
 - ▶ Blind men *Matthew 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you"; Mat 9:30 and their sight was restored.*
 - ▶ Syro-Phoenecian woman *Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*
 - ▶ Woman with issue of blood *Mark 5:34, Luke 8:46 and Mat 9:22 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*

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 - ▶ Bartimaeus *Mark 10:52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*
 - ▶ Lame man and friends *Luke 5:20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."*
 - ▶ Prostitute in the Pharisee's home *Luke 7:50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*
 - ▶ The Leper who returned to give thanks *Luke 17:19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

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- Faith of the person praying for the healing of another
 - *James 5:15 The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well*
 - *Mark 11:24 Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

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Hinderances to Healing

- Unsure of the will of God

James 1:16 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.
- Resistance / Indignation / Dishonor

Mark 6:3 And they took offense at him. Mark 6:5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.
- Concealed or cherished Sin

James 5:15 If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. James 5:16 therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

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Hinderances to Healing

- Incorrectly discerning the Body of Christ
 - Not understanding that all of our brokenness, weaknesses, sins, shame, sicknesses, the punishment that secures our peace, were absorbed and destroyed in the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
 - By adding to that perfect sacrifice we are guilty of not recognizing the work Jesus did.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:29 *For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep*
- Openness to occult

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- Lack of wisdom or self control

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What Can be Healed?

- Physical Ailments

Isaiah 53:4 He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.
- Demonic Oppression

Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
- Emotional Wounds

Psalms 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- Any other area of brokenness, misalignment, or bondage
 - *Isaiah 61:1 He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners*
 - *Revelation 21:5 Behold, I am making all things new.*

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- Be a channel of God's Love!

- If I have not love...I am just a clanging symbol

- The gifts are given to build the body, not make us look great or spiritual

Acts 8:18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"

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Practical 5-Step Plan (Randy Clark Ministry)

1. Interview

- Ask about the condition they'd like prayer for
- What may have caused the condition?

2. Diagnose

- Natural Cause
- Emotional Stress
- Spiritual Cause

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3. Prayer selection

- Petition — A request to heal, addressed to God, to Jesus, or to the Holy Spirit
- Command — A command addressed to a condition of the body, or to a part of the body, or to a troubling spirit such as a spirit of pain, or infirmity, or of affliction.
- If harbored unforgiveness or cherished sin are brought to light, have the person deal with these

A command is appropriate:

- When there has been a word of knowledge for healing, or some other indication that God wants to heal the person at this time.
- When petition prayers have been tried and progress has stopped.
- When casting out an afflicting spirit, or any other spirit, or breaking a curse or vow
- Whenever you are so led by the Holy Spirit.

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4. Pray

- Invite Holy Spirit
- Pray/Command in the Name of Jesus
Mark 16:17-18 In my name ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.
- Seek to deal with the cause of the condition (if cause and symptoms are known)
- Short prayers/commands
 - When a prayer/command results in partial healing continue to use it until you find it no longer produces further healing
- Be persistent

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- Manner
 - Not always necessary to pray aloud
 - Observe, look for signs that God is at work
 - Use normal tone of voice, express true authority
- Thank God for whatever He does
- Consider if further interviewing may reveal hindrances to healing
- When to stop praying
 - When person is healed
 - When the person wants you to stop
 - Holy Spirit prompts you to stop
 - You are not given any other way to pray, and you are not gaining ground

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5. Post-Prayer

- If complete healing rejoice with the person healed!
- Encourage her or him to keep the testimony
- If no healing or partial healing encourage the person to continue to seek prayer in future, remind that sometimes healing is progressive or occurs only after a number of prayers have been offered
- Don't be discouraged, trust God for greater glory! (e.g. Lazarus, Trophimus)
- Remind prayer that spiritual attack can occur after a healing, and help him to be prepared to resist it. If symptoms recur, he/she can command it to leave in Jesus' name.
- If a bad habit is involved, he may be tempted for a short time to re-commence the habit. If he does yield, quick repentance is needed and asking God's help to overcome."

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