

This is an extract from my book and is for those who want to exercise the gift of healing, but its principles apply to anyone who want to be healed.

## The GIFT of HEALING

There are 3 principles that need to be followed if you want to see a lot of healings happening:

### **Preach the unconditional love of God**

The first and most important aspect of your message is not only to lift up Jesus, but to show that Christ never made any exception to heal anyone. He never said to anyone who came to him for healing that his faith was not enough, that he had not repented enough, that he should wait longer, that he still had curses to break, that he needed to forgive others or himself, or that he needed to learn more lessons in order to become more humble and holy, etc....

In the Gospels we see that Christ never put any conditions on anyone, except to come to him with the child like faith that they would be healed. Virtually anyone who came to Him were healed, regardless of how bad, religious or good they were.

In other words, God wants everyone to be healed, without any exception. His grace is unconditional, that means for all, at all times regardless of any problem.

### **Remove their doubts**

Before you pray for the sick you need not only to teach them that God wants them to be healed, but you need to remove their doubts as well. Jesus said indeed that not only our faith was needed to remove mountains, but we should have no doubts as well (Matt. 21:21).

Usually with unbelievers all you need is to preach the Good News that God loves us as we are, and that Jesus wants to heal us as we are. It usually works well because they do not have all those religious prejudices that prevent them from receiving healing. But with Christians unfortunately you often need to address their specific doubts because many of them have been influenced by all sorts of wrong religious doctrines.



Here are the usual 10 doubts that most people have regarding healing:

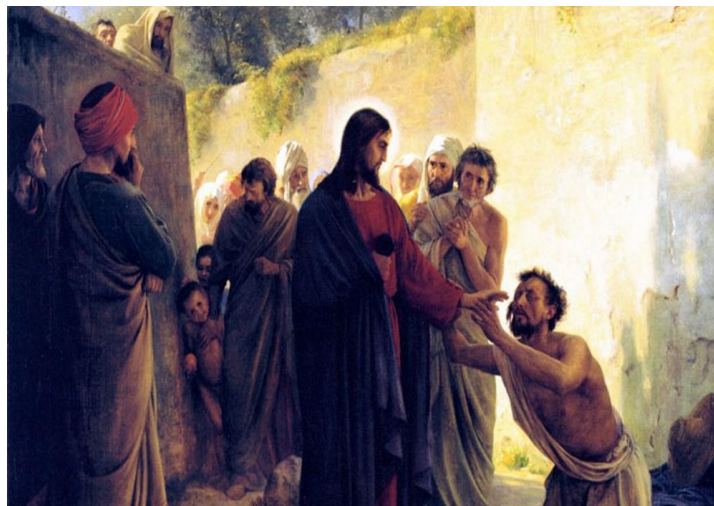
### 1. It may not be God's will to heal me

- Jesus is the perfect revelation and the exact representation of God, so you can know perfectly the will of God regarding healing. If you see again and again Jesus healing multitudes of people without any exception, don't you see God's will? The disciples understood this after being 3 years with Jesus and this is why they healed multitudes themselves.
- Jesus repeatedly healed all who came to Him. If you had been in the multitude, you would have been healed yourself.
- God shows no respect of persons, favoritism or preference. You are not an exception.
- James 1:5-8 = If you do not know what God wants, you will be like waves thrown back and forth wondering if God wants to heal you or not and eventually you will receive nothing! You need to make up your mind regarding God's will and receive your full healing!
- Jesus illustrated it by saying that as fathers we would not want to harm our own children but give them the very best. We hate our children to be sick, why should you think that your heavenly Father is different towards you?
- The very fact that you may go to the doctor is a demonstration that you want to be healed. If you believe that God wants you to be sick, going to the doctor would be against His will!

### 2. God may have a purpose in keeping me sick

(This is the idea that God may be using this sickness in my life to teach me something, to improve my character, to test me, to discipline me and judge me for some sin. Basically, He has a divine and benevolent mystery for my sickness).

- **Sickness is always revealed as a curse and not a blessing in the Scriptures.** From the Old Testament to the New, you will never find a positive verse about illness. In fact, in Acts 10:38 it is written that Jesus healed all who were under the power of the Devil.
- **Christ never revealed a purpose in being sick:** He never hesitated to heal. He never stopped to see whether he should heal or not. He never said: “let me ask the Father to see if it is His will to heal or not”. He treated every injury and sickness like an enemy. The disciples never revealed a purpose for sickness either.
- **The answer is never in us, but in Christ:** If you have repented from every possible sin you could think of, if you have corrected your life in any way you knew of, if you had the maximum of wisdom and discipline to bring yourself healing, if you have done everything possible on your side, you probably wonder how far you should still go. The answer is clear: there is a limit to your own responsibility, God alone can heal what you cannot, so go to Him, not to yourself!
- **A lot of diseases are not just physical but related to demons.** Many healings in the Gospels are actually deliverances! (at least a quarter of them!)
- **The sufferings of Job:** It does not mean that if God allowed Job’s suffering that He wanted it. Satan is the one to blame, not God. Eventually Job got healed and James wrote that we should imitate his endurance because faith is about not giving up (James 5:10-11). It must be said as well that Job got only sick for about 1% of his life. So, the simple message of Job is that Job was sick for a very short time, for which Satan is to be blamed, but God healed him because of his faith.
- **Paul’s Thorn in the Flesh:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10: The context is very clear, his thorn was not a sickness, but an ongoing persecution, which included a lot of injuries and even being stoned, but in all of this he kept going (in other words a supernatural protection of healing was on him. How often do you survive stoning?)



### 3. God has a specific timing or anointing for my healing.

- When the people decided to come to Christ, they were healed in that very moment. God's time is always today. In fact, Christ declared that the Kingdom was at hand. Now. Present. For God, the day of salvation (or healing as it is the same Greek word) is always today, not tomorrow!
- Progressive healing is OK. There are examples of this in the Gospel. In other words, you may receive a part today, another part tomorrow and the third part of your healing later. God works according to your faith and in some cases, it takes time.
- Therefore, avoid the "all or nothing attitude" that says I need all my healing right now. If you have something now, and more and more later, it is OK. Perseverance is a demonstration of your faith.

### 4. I may not have enough faith.

- According to Matt. 17: 20 it is not the size of your faith that matters, since a mustard seed is enough. And how do you measure the amount of faith that you have inside of you anyway? Stop looking at yourself, but at Christ!
- Faith is often a matter of not giving up, to persevere until we get an answer. The 2 blind men, the Syro-Phoenician woman, Bartimeus, Job, Epaphrodis all cried out for mercy, and they got it because of their persistence!



### 5. I may ask too much. I don't want to push God. I need to remain humble

This is false humility! There is never in the Bible this wrong idea that some kind of religious humility is bringing us healing. On the contrary, we see in the Gospels many people who had the boldness to do the most foolish things in order to get healed, and Jesus rewarded their faith and even commended them for it. God likes when we take bold and risky steps of faith, and even if we argue with Him! This idea fills the entire Bible from the beginning until the end.

### 6. What about those Christians who had a great faith, but they did not get healed?

- We can never fully know what is inside the hearts of others, even the people who are very close to us. We hardly know what is inside of us, how much less about others. We particularly never know how much people struggle with in the face of death. What we know is that it is much easier to have a great faith for others, but we often have a small faith regarding our own problems. Therefore:
- We cannot ever say that they had a big faith.

- We neither can say that they did not have enough faith.
- In other words, we cannot let the faith or the lack of faith of someone be the standard for our own faith. We cannot compare ourselves to anyone. The Bible is our only standard, and it is a high one.
- The purpose of the church is to be an encouraging place where we look at all the people who had victories, and not at those who had defeats.



### **7. God has shown me this and this, I wait for a specific revelation or prophecy:**

- You do not need to wait for any other revelation. The Bible is the best and final revelation of what God wants for you; you don't need more!
- Prophecies can be encouraging, but misleading as well if you place your faith outside of the Bible.

### **8. I am getting what I deserve; I cannot forgive myself, feeling guilty and not worthy.**

- Whatever wrong you have done in the past is completely covered by the cross. Therefore:
- Repent of anything wrong you may still do, as it prevents your conscience from feeling forgiven.
- See yourself totally worthy - See yourself covered in a white dress – Imagine if you had personally met Jesus 2000 years ago: He would have looked in your eyes with compassion and grace, laid his hand on you, and you would have been immediately healed
- Grace is excessive kindness. It all starts with grace, ends up with grace, and everything in-between is grace. God is not a perfectionist.

### **9. Is not death always preceded by sickness and suffering?**

- Absolutely not. In the Bible, as well as outside of the Bible, there are many examples of people who died of a natural death at an advanced age. It is a biblical promise that we should live long and healthy, and therefore there is nothing wrong in dying healthy! (Prov. 3:2)
- Today, most of the sicknesses that kill us, like cancer and heart diseases, have been created by our own ways of living, so we certainly cannot blame God for dying with suffering.



## 10. I am under a curse that needs to be broken in order to be healed:

- There is not a single passage in the Old Testament or New Testament that says that we need to break curses. We do not see a single instance of Jesus doing this in order to heal. This unbiblical teaching leads to fear and legalism where people are constantly asking what is wrong in their past whenever they get sick.
- Curses do indeed exist, but you don't remove them by digging in the past in order to break them. You go to the source of all curses which is repentance, faith, casting out demons and teaching believers to see themselves like God sees them, which means being free from all curses (Gal. 3:13). In other words, you are not responsible for what you don't know but for what you know.



### Grow more and more in your results

**Do not let small results discourage you.**

In the beginning you may pray for 100 people and only see 2 or 3 being healed. Look at the glass half full and not half empty! If you keep on doing this over time you will see your percentage of healed people growing. It will climb to 10% then 20-30% and over the years it may even be 50 to 70%!!!

**Grow in the quality of your healing.**

Expect healings to be more and more amazing. In the beginning you may see only "small" healings like back pains, knee pains or headaches instantly removed, but over time you will see "bigger" healings like cancers, deafness, blindness, or paralysis healed. The reason you may not see fantastic healings right away is that your faith needs to grow.

Faith is not just a theological understanding that God is able to do anything, but it has an emotional/psychological component as well. For instance, if you have to pray for someone who is deaf or blind, this is not a challenge to your thinking but to your emotions because you have never seen a healing happening to this level before and you have all those fears and doubts of what will happen if it does not work. But once you see it happen something changes within you. You are free from some fears and the next time you see a person who has the same problem, you have a greater boldness to expect a miracle because if it happened before it can happen again.

In other words, your faith is building itself more and more on successful experiences and with time it is more and more ready to expect amazing things. (As a word of wisdom, in general first start with "small" healings and as your faith grows progressively, attack the "bigger" ones. If you right away want to heal the blind and raise the dead and it does not work, you may end up being very discouraged).

**Always help people focus on Christ, not on you.**

Your own faith can sometimes be so strong and clear that you know 100% that the sick person will be healed, independently of them. (For instance, in Acts 2 the beggar had no faith in being healed, but the apostles had). But there are situations when it is not like this, so it is always good to help the people to have faith in Christ the Healer, and not in your gift, your anointing or anything else.

Relax and watch what God is doing. Some sicknesses are demonic in nature, so you would want to discern which spirits are behind.

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