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## Preface

This book is written to help you establish that it is God's will for you to have health and healing. Use this book to encourage the healthy and minister faith to the sick.

There are two keys to ministering to the sick. First you must produce faith. Second you must help them release faith.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God until you receive revelation or light (Rom 10:17, Psalm 119:130). When you believe it is God's will for you to be healed, you must then act on what you believe.

Use the *31 Reasons* to produce faith. Take time to look up each verse. When you minister to the sick allow them to read the verses aloud. Don't try to pray too quickly. Cover as many of the *31 Reasons* as you can. Let faith become strong in their heart. I would recommend that you spend at least 75% of your time producing faith and then help them release their faith.

After faith has been established in their heart they will be ready to release their faith and receive healing. Go over the reasons *Why Some Fail to Receive* and the *Methods of Receiving Healing*. Teach them to believe that they have received even before they see any sign of healing (Mk. 11:23-24).

Jesus paid the price for us to be healed. It is a finished work. He did not purchase "sickness insurance." Even though we can come to Him when we are sick and receive healing, it is His will that we walk in divine health. We must now act on the Word of God with all assurance that it is His will for us to be healed and have health today.

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## **1. Man was Created Healthy**

On which day did God create sickness and disease? He didn't. God is the source of life, not death. God is perfect and everything He created was perfect. He didn't create anything with death in it.

In Genesis 1, God created man. Verses 26 and 27 say He created man in *His own image*. What is God like? He's *perfect* (no deformities, weaknesses, or sickness). Man was created to be just like God, without deformity or disease. Sickness was not built into man, health and healing were.

Was anything that God made bad? No, everything God made was *very good* (Gen. 1:31). Not just good, but *very* good. Can you call cancer, tumors, or diabetes good? No, sickness isn't good.

God created the body to know that sickness isn't good. It was created with the ability to fight off the things that aren't "good". It is still His will that man be like He created him at the first, in perfect health, without sickness or disease.

*Health was God's plan when man was created. It is still His plan for mankind.*

## **2. Sickness Began with Sin**

If God didn't create sickness then when did it begin? Sickness is incipient death (the first stages of death). Death entered the world when Adam and Eve sinned (Rom. 6:23; Rom. 5:12; Gen. 2:17). As a result of their sin mankind was open to be attacked with sickness and disease.

John A. Dowie said, "Disease is the foul offspring of its father Satan and its mother sin." When they sinned, Adam and Eve did not die physically for many years. But, as a result of their sin, sickness entered the world and in time mankind began to die physically.

Was it God's will for man to sin? No, but there is a punishment for sin, death (Rom 6:23). Sickness is the vehicle that takes one to death. Is it God's will for man to be sick? No, sickness is a result of sin. To say it is God's will for one to be sick is to agree that it was God's will for them to sin in order to get sick.

God doesn't approve of sin or sickness. Psalm 107:17-20 says God has healed you of affliction and delivered you from your own destruction that was brought about by your sin. He does not want you to pay the penalty for sin. His will is for you to have His quality of life (Rom 6:23).

*Sickness began with sin. Sin was not God's will and neither is sickness.*

### **3. Satan Causes Sickness**

The words “evil disease” are used in Psalm 41:8. They are defined as, “a thing of Belial, something spoken evil of.” Sickness and disease are evil. They are not caused by God; they are caused by Satan (Job 2:7; Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38).

God doesn’t make people sick, the devil does. Jesus asked, “Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” Satan was the one keeping her in the bondage of sickness. Jesus wanted to set her free (Luke 13:16). Satan is the destroyer; Jesus is the life giver (John 10:10; Luke. 9:56; I John. 3:8; Ex 12:23).

God and the devil aren’t working together to develop character in you (Matt. 12:24-30; Isa. 5:20). Nor does God use sickness, a work of the devil, to teach His children. Galatians 2:18 says God would be a transgressor if He made you sick in order to heal you, or build you up so He could make you sick. Satan is the one making people sick. God is giving people life and health.

*We know God’s will is health because he doesn’t cause sickness.*

#### **4. God's Will in Heaven and Earth is Health**

In "The Lord's Prayer" (Matt. 6:10), Jesus said to pray that God's will would be done on earth the same way it is being done in heaven. Is it God's will for you to be sick in Heaven? No. Is God's will different for earth? No. God does not have two wills, one for earth and one for Heaven.

Deut. 11:21 says we can have heaven on earth. But, God's will is not automatically being carried out on earth, otherwise why would we need to pray?

God's will never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; James 1:17). If it is His will for us to be healthy in heaven then it is His will for us to be healthy on earth.

Why then, do people get sick? Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). He is trying to establish his will. Jesus gave us authority over Satan (Luke 10:19). By using our authority we allow God's will to be done on earth and not Satan's.

*It's easy to see God's will is health; look at Heaven.*

## **5. God's Word has Power to Heal**

Have you ever taken an antibiotic? Most often the doctor will tell you to take the entire bottle of pills in the dosage prescribed. You don't stop after just two, or after the symptoms go away. You continue until the prescription is gone. God gave us a prescription, His Word.

Prov. 4:20-22 says God's Word will bring health to your body. In the Hebrew it says, it will be a medicine to all your flesh. In Psalm 107:20 the Word of God healed them; it is medicine.

If you are sick, spend time in the Word. Take it in doses, like you would a medicine. The stronger you become the greater the dose you can handle. Don't stop after one reading. Spend time meditating until it gets way down inside you. Like most medicines, you may not see instantaneous results. Continue in the Word until a complete healing occurs.

The Centurion knew there was power to heal in Jesus' words. He said, "Only speak a word, and my servant will be healed" (Matt. 8:8). Heb. 4:12, John 6:63, and John 1:1-4 all say God's Word contains Life. It is able to affect a cure in your body.

God's Word is Truth. John 8:31-32 and James 1:25 show that the truth will make you free. The people in Jesus' time recognized this. Luke 5:15 and 6:17 say they came to "hear and be healed". They knew hearing God's Word would produce faith to receive healing.

*God's Word is His will. If His Word heals then health is His will.*

## 6. God's Covenant of Healing

God made a covenant of healing with the Israelites (Ex. 15:26; 23:25-26). Covenants are conditional. He told them to keep His commandments and He would not allow sickness to come on them (Deut. 7:12-15). Even though healing was part of the covenant they still had to possess it for themselves. Luke 4:27 states that Naaman the Syrian received healing even though Israeli lepers did not. He was the only one that claimed the promise.

Christ gave us a new covenant, based on better promises (Heb. 8:6). He met all the conditions, the "If's", for us, but we, too, have to claim it as ours.

If Israel had healing in the Old Covenant and we don't have healing in the New, then our covenant is worse. But we have a better covenant.

Some believe the blessings described in God's Covenant are, "Just for the Jews." Who are the Jews? The Jews and Israelites are the children of Abraham. Christians are also the seed of Abraham (Rom. 2:28-29; 4:16; 9:6; Gal. 3:7, 9, 29; 4:7; 6:16). Christians enjoy the same privileges God gave the Israelites in their covenant and more. Remember, we have a better covenant through Christ.

*If health was God's will in the covenant He made with Israel, then health is still his will in the New Covenant that we enjoy.*

## **7. The Plan of Redemption Includes Healing**

In the Old Testament the punishment for sin was transferred to an animal sacrifice (Lev. 1:4; 3:2; 4:15; 16:21-22). In the New Testament the punishment for our sin was transferred to Jesus (Rom 5:8-11). Isaiah 53 describes the Plan of Redemption.

Jesus took the punishment we deserve. The Hebrew words in verses three and four for “sorrows” and “griefs”, should have been translated as “pain” and “sickness”. Jesus bore the pain and sickness on our behalf.

John 12:37-38 and Acts 8:30-35 prove that Isaiah was prophesying about Jesus. Matt. 8:17 (1-17) shows us Isaiah was referring to physical healing. And 1 Peter 2:24, also referring to Isaiah 53, says, “By his stripes you were healed.”

Stripes and strokes represent punishment for sin (II Sam 7:14; Psalm 89:32; Prov. 17:10, 19:29, 20:30, 22:15). Sickness is punishment for sin. Jesus paid the punishment (sickness) we deserve for our sin.

*Jesus has paid the punishment for sin. We don't have to. Jesus gives us health in place of sickness.*

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### **8. We are Redeemed from the Curse of the Law**

In Lev. 26 and Duet. 28 there is a blessing for obeying God's law and a punishment for disobeying God's law. In Gal. 3:13 we find Christ redeemed us from the punishment for disobedience (1 Pet. 1:18-19; Psalm 49:8). He paid the price we owed for sin.

Listed below are scripture references from Deut. 28. Below each reference are words and definitions from other translations, commentaries, and dictionaries that explain each word.

#### Deut. 28:21

**Pestilence** -- disease after disease, contagious disease.

#### Deut. 28:22

**Consumption** -- tuberculosis, infectious disease, wasting disease, consuming disease (AIDS).

**Fever** -- all fevers, malaria, pneumonia, scarlet fever, tropical fevers.

**Inflammation** -- of tissue, nerves, organs, etc.; common cold, infections, rapid consuming cancer.

**Extreme burning** -- influenza, sunstroke.

**Sword** -- death by war.

**Blasting** -- blight, skin eruption, suffocation.

**Mildew** -- jaundice, paleness.

#### Deut. 28:27

**The botch of Egypt** -- boils, sores, elephantiasis.

**Emerods** -- hemorrhoids, swellings in groin, piles, sores, ulcers, tumors.

**Scab** -- eczema (skin eruptions, inflammation, redness, itching, whelps discharges, crustiness, allergic reactions), malignant scab (skin cancer), hives, rashes, scurvy (deficiency in Vitamin C which causes: spongy gums, weakness, anemia, bleeding from mucus membranes), nosebleeds, rectum bleeding.

**Itch** -- all other skin diseases and skin eruptions (this includes all allergic reactions).

#### Deut. 28:28

**Madness** -- insanity, losing your mind, diseases of the mind.

**Blindness** -- physical and mental.

**Astonishment of heart** -- distraction of mind, confusion of mind, fear, panic, being an imbecile, crazed in the wits (beside yourself).

#### Deut. 28:35

**Knees and legs** -- all problems.

**Sore botch** -- ulcers, boils, sores, skin disease.

Deut. 28:59-60

**Plagues of thy seed** -- hereditary problems.

**Long continuance** -- long drawn-out problems.

**Sore sicknesses** -- chronic problems, recurring problems, strokes.

**Diseases of Egypt.**

Deut. 28:61

**Every disease and every plague.**

Deut. 28:65

**Trembling heart** -- heart tremors, irregular heartbeat.

**Failing of eyes** -- consuming the eyes, any eye disease, glaucoma, blindness, lazy eye, pink eye, astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness.

**Sorrow of Mind.**

Gal. 3:13 declares, Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of the law. This is good news. If you find your illness in the above scriptures (note verse 61) you do not have to have it. You have been set free from sickness.

*According to Deuteronomy 28 sickness is a curse of the Law. Galatians 3:13 says, you've been set free from sickness.*

## 9. God's Name is Healer

Jehovah means “the self-existent one who reveals Himself.” God’s names reveal His character. These names show us what God is like:

1. Jehovah Shammah - the Lord is There (present).  
Ezk. 48:35; Heb. 13:5
2. Jehovah Shalom - the Lord our Peace.  
Judges 6:24; John 14:27
3. Jehovah Ra-ah - the Lord our Shepherd.  
Psalm 23:1-6; John 10:1-14
4. Jehovah Jireh - the Lord our Provider.  
Gen. 22:14; Phil. 4:19
5. Jehovah Nissi - the Lord our Banner (of victory).  
Ex. 17:15; I Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14
6. Jehovah Tsikenu - the Lord our Righteousness.  
Jer. 33:16; 2 Cor. 5:21
7. Jehovah Rophe - the Lord our Healer (physician, doctor).  
Ex. 15:26

Theologians agree on these first six names, but they say the seventh, Jehovah Rophe, has passed away. That is inconsistent! If He used to be Jehovah Rophe then He still is, otherwise how do we know He is still Jehovah Tsikenu (Psalm 103:3)?

*God’s character never changes. If He is the Lord our Righteousness then He is the Lord our Healer.*

## **10. The Passover and Communion**

The Old Testament gives us examples of how we are to live in the New Covenant (1 Cor. 10:11). Hebrews 10:1 says, “[it is] a shadow of the good things to come.” Exodus 12:1-14 is a good example of how we are to have health.

The Passover is an example of what is to take place when we receive the Holy Sacraments. The Israelites were told to do two things before the Passover; one, apply the blood of the lamb and two, eat the flesh of the lamb. This is an example of Communion (1 Cor. 11).

It seems logical to assume there was sickness in the slave nation of Israel, but there was not one sick person among them when they left Egypt (Psalm 105:37). In Ex 12:11 they were told to eat the lamb “with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand.” Even the sick dressed this way. They ate the Passover meal in faith, expecting to receive their healing and walk out of Egypt. Later in the history of Israel, those that kept the Passover were healed (2 Chr. 30:5, 20).

Some don’t really understand the meaning behind the sacraments of Communion. Jesus is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). His body was broken so ours could be whole. Many partake of Communion and fail to recognize that they can receive healing. Paul said, for this reason, not knowing, many are sick and others have died. Physical healing is available through communion if we know it and act on it (I Cor. 11:29-30).

*If there is healing in the example, the Passover, then there must be healing in Communion.*

## 11. The Serpent on the Pole and the Cross

Like the Passover, the Serpent on the Pole in Numb. 21:4-9 is an example of how we have healing through Jesus.

God put a hedge of protection around the Israelites. Their sin (v. 5) caused it to come down (see also Job 1:10). The LORD told Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole..." The serpent on the pole is a type of Jesus on the cross.

Why did he make a snake? Snakes and scorpions are a "type" for demonic power (Luke 10:19). Jesus was on the cross to become our sin (2 Cor. 5:21). He bore the punishment for our sin, including sickness (see point # 7, "The Plan of Redemption Includes Healing"). Jesus is your healing. Begin to see your sickness upon Him while He was on the cross (John 3:14-15).

Verse 8 continues with, "Every one who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." The Amplified Bible defines "looks" as, "attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze." Look to Jesus expecting your healing. Don't fix your gaze on the healing. Fix your gaze on Jesus.

Until Numbers 21, there was no mention of snakes biting the Israelites while in the desert. All of the sudden there were thousands in the camp. Can you imagine the chaos? What if a couple of snakes were let loose in the room where you are right now?

Amidst the chaos of sickness (the symptoms, the doctors reports, the pain, etc.), you must focus your undivided attention on Jesus. He is the source of your healing. In the same manner that the Israelites had to focus on the serpent on the pole, you too will receive healing if you focus attentively on Jesus.

*When the people looked at the Serpent on the Pole they were forgiven, healed and delivered. When people look to Jesus they receive the same.*

## **12. The Lord's Love & Compassion**

Jesus' motivation for healing the sick was compassion (Matt. 14:14, 20:34; Mark 1:41). Healing is a manifestation of the Lord's love and compassion (Mark 5:19; Phil. 2:27).

Compassion and mercy are used interchangeably in the Old and New Testament (Ex 33:19; Rom 9:15; 2 Kings 13:23; Jude 22-23). Justice is the reward for an action (good or bad), but mercy is receiving what you do not deserve. It is by the Lord's mercy that we have health in place of sickness. If you find yourself experiencing the curse of sickness (Deut 28) you need mercy.

God demonstrated mercy by healing the sick (Matt. 9:27-30; Mark 10:46-52). In Luke 17:12-19 the ten lepers called out to Jesus. What did they want? Healing. What did they ask for? Mercy. What did they get? Healing. Mercy is available to everyone who calls on the Lord (Psalm 86:5; 145:8-9; Lam. 3:22-23; Isa. 43:24-25; Heb. 8:12).

Isaiah 49:15 says, "Can a woman forget her nursing child and not have compassion on the son of her womb?" At the slightest whimper of her child a nursing mother will begin to lactate. Withholding her milk from her son would deprive him of the life giving sustenance the child needs. The verse continues, "Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you." With the slightest cry you can receive the mercy of God. He compassionately desires to heal you.

*The Lord's mercy is for all, so healing is for all.*

### 13. The Lord is the Good Shepherd

A shepherd is one who goes ahead, leads, and guides. Ezek. 34:1-5, 11-16 require a shepherd to take care of the sheep, especially if they get hurt or sick. If a pastor (shepherd) doesn't take care of the sick it displeases the Lord. The Lord would be a hypocrite if He condemned the under-shepherds and He Himself did not take care of His flock, which is us. If He's a good shepherd, you're going to be a healthy sheep.

Keith Moore tells this story: Suppose you lived in a shepherding country. You've heard all your life about a renowned shepherd. One day you heard that the good shepherd was coming. You ran out to the street to watch. Then you see him coming, and my, isn't he splendid and magnificent-looking. You think, "All I've heard about him is true." But then you get a look at his flock that is following behind him. They're a scraggly-looking bunch. Their wool is matted or missing in places. There are open wounds and broken legs. They have mange; they're bleeding, and wandering in different directions. You would think, "I don't care what people say about him, I can tell he is not a good shepherd by looking at his flock."

The condition of the flock is a direct reflection of the shepherd's care. Psalm 23:1-4 and Hebrews 13:20-21 say the Lord is our Shepherd. It's inconsistent to say, "He's the Great Shepherd," and say, "He won't heal me." (John 10:1-15)

If a sheep is in a pit you do not need a special revelation to get the sheep out. How much more if a man is in the pit of sickness should you get him well? (Matt. 12:11-12)

*A good shepherd heals his sheep. Jesus is the Great Shepherd; He has healed you.*

## **14. The Ministry of Jesus**

Everything Jesus said and did in His ministry is a direct revelation of God's will (John 6:38; 5:19-20, 30; 14:8-10; 8:28-29 Amplified Bible). Throughout His ministry He healed the sick (Acts 10:38). Jesus didn't do miracles to prove His deity; He was simply doing God's will. Why did Jesus do the miracle? It was God's will.

The following verses describe Jesus' ministry to the sick. Not one sick person was turned away. Everyone was healed. Each of these scriptures proves it is God's will to heal all.

Matt 8:16...and healed all who were sick.

Matt 9:35...healing every sickness and every disease.

Matt 10:1...to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Matt 12:15...and He healed them all.

Matt 14:14...and healed their sick.

Matt 14:36...as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

Matt 15:30...and He healed them.

Matt 19:2...and He healed them there.

Matt 21:14...and He healed them.

Mark 6:56...as many as touched Him were made well.

Luke 4:40...laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Luke 6:19...for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Luke 9:11...and healed those who had need of healing.

*Everything Jesus did was God's will. He healed all that came to Him so we know it is God's will to heal all.*

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### **15. Healing in the Acts**

Luke opens the book of Acts by saying his letter was an account of “all that Jesus began to both do and teach.” (Acts 1:1) What did Jesus begin? Among other things, He began the ministry of healing. If Jesus began this ministry, who is to continue it today? The church, you and I, continue the ministry of healing.

In Acts 4:29-30, 33 the Apostles were given boldness to heal. And in Acts 5:12-16 and Acts 9:32-35 Peter healed the sick. But the ministry of healing was not limited to the apostles. Acts 8:5-7 records Philip healing the paralyzed and lame.

We know it is God's will to heal today because the ministry Jesus began never ended. Jesus commissioned each one of us to continue His ministry (Mark 16:15-18). While in Lystra, Paul preached the Gospel (Acts 14:7-10), resulting in a crippled man receiving faith to be healed. His message, the Gospel, must have included healing. Otherwise, how did this man receive faith to leap and walk (Rom 10:17)? Since the Gospel hasn't changed, healing is still in the Gospel.

These incidents recorded by Luke in Acts sound a lot like the ministry Jesus began while He was on earth. Why? It is the ministry of Jesus. He's just doing it through them and us (John 14:12).

*The book of Acts proves that the ministry of healing Jesus began is still alive today. Jesus began it; we continue it.*

## **16. Jesus Gave Us Authority Over Sickness**

Power is might and ability. Authority is a delegated right to use power without the presence of the one who delegated the power. Jesus delegated His power over sickness to His disciples (Matt. 10:1, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6, 10:19; Acts 1:8). From that point they had authority to heal the sick and rebuke disease. A command from an authority gives us the authority to do what he commands.

If a king cannot get anyone to obey his commands then he has no authority. If his delegates do not carry out his wishes then his kingdom will not advance. In 2 Cor. 5:20 Paul uses the phrase, "In Christ's stead (behalf)." When Jesus left the earth He made us His ambassadors. We are His delegates. We are here to carry out His wishes in His absence. We act as if He were here.

When we use the phrase, "In Jesus' name," (Phil 2:9-11) we are using the authority Jesus delegated to us (Matt. 28:18-20). In John 14:12-14 Jesus gave us, "he who believes," permission to use His name, His authority, to heal the sick as He did. If the Lord were here, He would rebuke sickness. We must use the authority given to us by Jesus and refuse to allow sickness to advance.

When you walk in your authority there is joy and rejoicing (Luke 10:17; Prov. 29:2).

*We know it is his will for us to have health today because He gave us authority over sickness.*

## 17. God is our Father

A good father always desires that his child have health. No good father takes pleasure in seeing his child in pain and sickness. If I were sick, I know my dad would heal me if he could. God is a better father than any natural father ever could be (Matt 7:9-11; Psalm 27:10). As our father (Matt 6:9; 2 Cor 6:18), God gives us health and heals us when we fall into sickness. It is never our Father's desire for us to be sick (Psalm 103:13).

In the story of the “Prodigal Son” the father tells his son, “All that I have is yours (Luke 15:31).” This includes health and healing. Like this father, God has not denied healing from His children. In fact, in 1 Tim 5:8, the Lord condemns fathers who do “...not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household.” As His child (Rom 8:15), you too have health.

*A good father wants his child to have health. God is the best father. As His child you have health.*

## **18. Healing Belongs to God's Children**

If you are a parent your first responsibility is to your children (1 Tim 5:8). Other children cannot automatically anticipate their needs to be met by you. But your children should expect their needs to be met.

The Canaanite woman in Matt. 15:22-28 could not automatically expect deliverance for her child because she wasn't a child of God. This did not stop her. She believed Jesus could and would heal her child. Her faith and humility moved Jesus to have mercy on her and heal her daughter.

A common food in Jesus' time, as ours, was bread. Jesus refers to healing and deliverance as "the children's bread" (Mark 7:27). Children naturally expect parents to provide for their daily physical needs. David said in Psalm 37:25, God's children do not have to beg for bread, one of a child's basic needs.

As a child of God (see 17. "God is our Father") you can automatically expect healing and deliverance from the enemies attacks in the same way you expect to have food for dinner. Healing is your "bread." Jesus said in Luke 13:10-17, shouldn't every child of God be free from sickness? Psalm 23:5 says you can receive the bread, your daily physical requirements, right in the presence of your enemies. Healing belongs to God's children. It is to be as common in a Christians' life as bread is for dinner.

*Health belongs to God's children. You can expect healing just like a child can expect food to eat.*

## 19. We are Jesus' Bride

It has been said; a woman never looks as beautiful as she does on her wedding day. She has a radiant glow about her. It is also true that a bride cannot have ultimate beauty without radiant health.

The church is the bride of Christ (Isaiah 54:5, Jeremiah 3:14). 2 Corinthians 11:2 says, "...For in my eyes you are like a fresh unspoiled girl whom I am presenting as fiancée to your true husband, Christ himself." J. B. Phillips

Paul writes, the church is to be "glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27). Sickness is not glorious. It is a blemish, a spot. As a Christian you are part of the church, the bride of Christ. You are not to have any spot or blemish (Song of Solomon 4:7).

You won't find a good husband anywhere that wants his wife to be sick. Every husband wants his bride to have radiant health. We are the bride of Christ. We have ultimate beauty, including, radiant health.

*Jesus' bride, the church, has radiant health.*

## **20. We are Branches of the Vine**

Farmers around the world spend millions each year eradicating disease from their crops. We all agree that sickness in a plant is bad. If there is sickness in the plant then the branches will be sick and not able to produce fruit. But, if the plant is healthy, the branches will be healthy and able to produce much fruit.

John 15:5 says, “I [Jesus] am the vine, you are the branches.” The vine, Jesus, does not have sickness in Him. In fact, He gave His life to eradicate sickness from our lives. There is no sickness in the vine, nor should there be sickness in the branches.

Jesus goes on to say, “He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for with out Me you can do nothing.” It is not hard for a branch to bear fruit. It only has to allow the fluids that are in the vine to flow through it. It is the vine that provides the branches with all the requirements for a healthy life.

Romans 11:16 says, “If the root is holy, so are the branches.” The same life that is in Jesus, the vine, is in us, the branches. All one has to do to receive this life is stay attached to the vine. If you abide in Him, the life-giving health that He has will flow into you.

*The life that is in Jesus is in you, because He is the vine and we are the branches.*

## **21. We are Priests of the Lord**

God told Moses, no priest may make sacrifices if they have any defect, particularly sickness (Leviticus 21:16-23). In the new covenant, the believer is God's priest (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6). 1 Peter 2:5, 9 say, as priests, we are to offer spiritual sacrifices to the Lord through Christ Jesus. Having a blemish of deformity would disqualify you from serving as a priest.

It's not the man that's displeasing to God; it's the sickness in the man. God's will is for His priests, that's you and me, to be without sickness. Since we are His priests, it is His will for us to have health.

*God requires His priests to be healthy. Since we are His priests, we are free from sickness.*

## **22. Your Body is a Living Sacrifice**

Rom. 12:1 says to present our bodies “a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God.” What makes a sacrifice acceptable? In Deut. 17:1 the Lord tells Moses, it must have no “blemish or defect [evil thing],” and if it does, it “is an abomination [detestable thing] to the Lord your God.”

In Leviticus 22:17-25 the Lord gives the priests specific requirements for a sacrifice to be acceptable. They include the animal being free of all sickness. Malachi 1:8,12-14 says it is evil to offer a sick sacrifice to the Lord. He suggests offering a deformed animal to your governor as a gift and see if he responds favorably. The Lord, too, detests sickness in any sacrifice made to Him.

God loves sick people, but He hates sickness. Health is essential in any sacrifices made to Him. In order to be acceptable we have to be without blemish or defect. This would include sickness. Through Christ we have received health for our bodies. Accepting health as your own allows you to fulfill what Paul stated in Romans 12:1.

God would not require us to present ourselves healthy before Him, without providing health to us. The ten lepers in Luke 17:11-14 asked Jesus to have mercy on them. He told them to go show themselves to the priest. (Leviticus 13 and 14 give instructions to the priests to examine a leper and declare him clean before he is allowed back into the city). It was an act of faith on their part to go to the priest. They were not to go to the priest unless they were clean. They must have decided, if He said go show ourselves to the priest, then by the time we get there, we will be clean. One returned and proved they were healed when they acted on the word of Jesus and went to the priest.

Present yourself to the Lord as an acceptable sacrifice, one free from sickness and blemish. Believe that if you present yourself to the Lord then you are acceptable and without sickness or blemish. Paul would not say you could do this unless Christ had made you healthy and free from sickness.

*All sacrifices must be without blemish. You are healthy because God requires you to be a living sacrifice.*

### **23. Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost**

Our bodies are the Temples of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 3:6). God has chosen our bodies as the place His Spirit to dwells.

After the crucifixion God's Spirit (the Glory) left the Temple (Luke 23:45-46). On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit began to dwell in each believer (Acts 2:1-4). Prior to the sacrifice of Jesus man was considered righteous only because of animal sacrifices. After Jesus redeemed mankind the Holy Spirit was able to dwell in man because he was righteous in God's eyes (2 Cor 5:21).

The price of sin has been paid. Man no longer owes a debt for sin. He is clean in God's eyes because of Jesus' sacrifice. Since we are now clean, as the Temple was, God can and does dwell in each believer as His Temple. But God doesn't take it lightly when there is a plague, any unclean thing, in His house (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Psalm 91:10). In Lev 14:37-53, God specifically states that your house must be free of any plague. God requires purity in His Temple (1 Ths. 4:4; Lev. 21:16-23).

When Jesus entered the Temple in Matt 21:12-14 He found the conditions appalling. Immediately He ran out the crooks and thieves. Then He did one other thing He healed the sick. He considered sickness unfit for the Temple of God. Since our bodies are the Temple of God we, too, are free of any sickness.

*When Jesus cleansed the Temple of crooks and thieves, He also cleansed it of sickness. Since we are God's Temples, we are to be clean of sickness and disease.*

## **24. We are the Body of Christ**

Is your physical body a part of the Body of Christ?

1 Cor 6:15; 1 Cor. 12:12, 27; Eph. 5:30; Rom. 12:4-5 all say your body is part of Christ's Body. Col. 1:18; Eph 5:23; Eph. 4:15 all show that Christ is the head of the Body. And Col. 1:24 and Eph 4:16 say the Church is the Body.

In Acts 9:4-5 Jesus asks Paul, "Why are you persecuting me?" Who was Paul persecuting? It was the Church. Jesus was showing that whatever effects the Church, His Body, affects Him.

Christ was never sick in His body. In fact Christ took the punishment for our sins (stripes on His back) so that we wouldn't have to have sickness or disease in our body either (Isaiah 53:4-5 and 1 Pet 2:24). If your body is part of the Body of Christ, and there is sickness in your body, then there is sickness in a member of Christ. That means there is sickness in Christ. Since no work of the devil (Psalm 41:8) should be found in Christ, we know God has provided healing for His Body.

Col 2:19 says the head nourishes the body. Whatever is true of the head is also true of the body. If Christ has no sickness, then neither should you, His Body.

*Christ is not sick and there is to be no sickness in His Body.*

## 25. The Gifts of Healings

Have you ever been offered a free sample of food from a restaurant or bakery? Did they offer you yesterday's leftovers or their very best? Their best of course. Why? They want you to purchase a large portion of the product you sampled. God's Gifts of Healings are free samples of what is available to all in a greater portion. They are Divine advertisement, if you will.

The Gifts of Healings mentioned in 1 Cor 12:9 are just that, gifts. They are given as the Holy Spirit wills. Often, faith is not a factor in receiving the gift. So how does this prove it is God's will to heal all today?

If God were to heal indiscriminately, and not make it available to all, He would be unjust. A parent who treats one child more favorably than another is called unfair. God is neither unjust nor unfair. He will not do for one what He will not do for all.

All of healing is paid for. Health is a gift to all. The Gifts of Healings are a demonstration of what all can receive by faith in the redemption of Jesus Christ. God demonstrates His will for all through the gifts He offers. Whether it is by faith or a gift, God desires for all to have health.

We are sure it's God's will to heal all today. Otherwise, Gifts of Healings would be a false advertisement or inaccurate sample.

*God grants healings through the Gifts of Healings. But they are only a sample of what is available to all through faith.*

## **26. The Laying on of Hands**

In the electrical industry there is a physical law called, “The Law of Contact and Transmission.” It states that, when a charged contact meets a receptive contact, completing the circuit, the charge is transmitted. Basically, when the circuit is connected the electricity can flow.

In Hebrews 6:1-2 the Laying on of Hands is called a doctrine of the Church, along with repentance, faith toward God, baptisms, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. All of these doctrines still exist in the church today. The doctrine of Laying on of Hands is used to transfer an anointing from the minister to the recipient.

In that touch an anointing is transferred from the “charged” individual to the “receptive” individual. Paul and Barnabas received the call to ministry through the Laying on of Hands (Acts 13:1-3). Paul latter used this doctrine when he ordained Timothy into the ministry (1 Tim 4:14). And in Jesus’ ministry you find Him laying hands on the sick (Luke 4:40). In all of these cases there was a transfer that occurred when hands were laid on the individuals.

Mark 16:18 says that if believers lay hands on the sick they will recover. A transfer of healing anointing occurs when believers lay hands on the sick. Note that it doesn’t say they will be instantly healed. But, it does say they will recover.

The Bible doesn’t specify on whom to lay hands. If it isn’t God’s will to heal all that have hands laid on them, then believers would have to stop and pray about who to lay hands on and who not to. If some are to remain sick then believers could get out of the will of God laying hands on the wrong people. But it is God’s will to heal all. That is why He didn’t stipulate whom to lay hands on.

*Every believer can lay hands on any sick person and expect them to recover.*

## 27. Anointing with Oil

James 5:14-15 says, “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.”

James gives a specific plan of action for anyone who is sick. Ask the elders of the church to anoint them with oil and pray the prayer of faith. He says, if this is done, the sick will be saved. Mark 5:23 and Acts 14:9 both translate the word “saved” as “healed”. The NIV says, “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well...” So the prayer of faith will heal the sick.

James also used the all-inclusive word “anyone”. There are no limits on who can and can’t be anointed by the elders if they are sick. If God didn’t mean “anyone” when He inspired James to write this passage, then we would have to stop and ask God whom He meant to heal.

God meant “anyone”. If you are sick you can call on the elders of the church and know that when you are anointed, expecting to be healed, you will be healed. God couldn’t make this offer to everyone and then withhold it from some. Because He said “anyone”, we know it is His will to all.

*We know it is God’s will to heal all because He said “anyone” can be anointed by the elders and be healed.*

## **28. The Strength of God**

When sickness attacks the body it will weaken it. The remedy for weakness is the strength of God.

All strength is spiritual in its source. Though demonic, the madman of Gadara's strength was spiritual (Mark 5:3-4). The source of Samson's strength wasn't obvious or visible. He didn't have bulging muscles like films and pictures have portrayed. If he did they wouldn't have wondered where his strength came from (Judges 14-16). His strength, too, was spiritual.

These scriptures show that strength comes from God.

Neh. 8:10 The joy of the LORD is your strength.

Psalm 18:32 It is God who arms me with strength.

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is the strength of my life.

Psalm 29:11 The LORD will give strength to His people.

Psalm 41:3 The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength.

Psalm 68:28 Your God has commanded your strength.

Psalm 71:16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD.

Psalm 73:26 God is the strength of my heart.

Psalm 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,

Psalm 84:7 They go from strength to strength.

Psalm 138:3 Made me bold with strength in my soul.

Joel 3:10 Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'

Eph. 3:16 Be strengthened with might through His Spirit.

Eph. 6:10 Be strong in the Lord, the power of His might.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Isa. 40:29,31 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Romans 8:11 says, the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead will make alive (strengthen) your body through His Spirit who dwells in you. He can give life even to the dead, as He did Jesus. If the Holy Spirit is in you, you have God's strength, His resurrection power.

We know it is God's will for all to have health because he gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe. Anyone who has God's Spirit in them also has His strength. And anyone who has His strength has health. Since He

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doesn't withhold His Spirit, He also doesn't withhold His healing power from anyone who believes.

Anyone who waits on the Lord (expecting His help in time of need) will receive His strength (Isaiah 40:31). When the strength of God is present in a body it is healthy. Since all can receive His strength, we know that all can receive healing.

*We know God gives health to all because He gives His strength to all.*

## **29. God's Promise of Longevity**

Jesus chose to lay down His life. It was not taken from Him (John 10:18). Paul could have chosen to live or die (Phil. 1:21-25). And Satan was restricted from taking Job's life (Job 2:6-10). You, too, have a choice as to when you die. The devil cannot take your life. You choose when to lay down your life.

Heb. 9:27 does not say, "a time to die" but, "once to die." God promised each of us long life. 25 years old isn't a long life or a "full age" (Job 5:26). Eccl. 7:17 asks why die before your time. And Eccl. 3:1-2 says there is a time, or better stated, a "season" to die, not 3:15 p.m. Friday.

What is the season for death? God said man should live 120 years (Gen. 6:3). 70 years was promised to those not under God's blessing (Psalm 90:7-10). God told Moses it was time to die; He was 120 (Deut. 32:48-50; Deut. 34:7).

What we do can add to our life or shorten it (Prov. 3:1-2; 4:10; 9:11; 10:27). The Word promises that if you honor your father and mother and you will receive long life (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:2). And speaking life can extend your days (Psalm 34:12-13; 1 Pet. 3:10-11).

We are to live our lives full of strength and health (Psalm 91:16; Ex 23:25-26). Abraham died aged and satisfied (Gen. 25:7-8). Jacob was in good health (Gen. 43:28). And David died a good old age (1 Chr. 29:28).

You don't have to be sick to die (Gen. 49:33). We should live long to show God's power to the next generation (Psalm 71:16, 18). (Psalm 92:10, 12-15). When you reach seniority in life, don't retire; re-fire (Psalm 103:5).

*Since it is God's will for us to have long healthy lives we know healing is for all, today.*

### 30. The All-inclusive Promises of God

God has promised repeatedly to do "all things", "any thing", and "whatsoever thing." Throughout the entire Bible God includes everyone in His promises. He says, "I will," "I shall," and "None shall." He makes it clear that "whosoever" will ask in faith, believing, they will receive. If anyone acts in faith on His promises they will receive.

If His promises were limited to particular individuals we couldn't act in faith unless we knew for certain that the promise was specifically meant for us. We know it is God's will for all to have health because He includes everyone when He makes a promise.

Examine these passages and see the all-inclusiveness of God's promises:

Psalm 34:9-10 **None** shall want

Psalm 34:17,19 He delivers you from **all trouble**

Psalm 37:4 He will give you **all your desires**

Psalm 50:15 He will deliver **you**

Psalm 57:2 He will perform **all things** for you

Psalm 68:19 He daily loads **you** with benefits

Psalm 84:11 **No good thing** will He withhold

Psalm 91:10 **No evil** shall befall you

Psalm 103:2-3 **Forget none** of His benefits

Proverbs 10:24 The desire of the righteous **will be granted**

Matt. 18:18-19 **Ask anything**, it will be done

Matt. 21:21-22 What you ask in prayer **you will receive**

Mark 9:23 **All things are possible** to him who believes

Mark 11:23 The things you say **will be done**

Mark 11:24 **Whosoever asks** will receive

John 14:13-14 **Whatever you ask**, He will do

John 15:7, 16 **Whatever you ask** will be done for you

John 16:23-24 **Whatever you ask**, He will give you

Rom. 8:32 He will freely give you **all things**

1 Cor. 3:21-22 **All things** are yours

2 Cor. 2:14 **God always** leads you in triumph

Eph. 1:3 He has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing**

Eph. 1:22 He put **all things** under His feet

1 Tim. 6:17 He gives you richly **all things** to enjoy

2 Pet. 1:3 He has given you **all things** that pertain to life

*We know health is God's will because the promise of healing is for all.*

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### 31. The First fruits of our Inheritance

This bodies we have now will be glorified (Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:53); we will leave behind mortal bodies and receive immortal bodies (Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:4). The bodies we have here on earth are subject to decay. But in the Resurrection we will receive bodies that won't decay or be subject to time and the aging process. The comparable equivalent of the New Birth will happen to our bodies; all things will be made new (2 Cor 5:17).

Some believe not everybody gets healed before they die, that we'll all be healed in the millennium. But, healing is for our earthly bodies; in the millennium we will have incorruptible bodies. We don't need healing after we leave this earth. Sickness is only present where the devil is, and he won't be in heaven.

In many business transactions a down payment or the first installment is given to ensure the fulfillment of the contract. Our full physical redemption, the fulfillment of God's promise, or contract, will be our glorified body; but we have received the first fruits of it now: healing (Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 4:10-11). He proves it by giving us the Holy Spirit as earnest, a down payment or first installment (2 Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13-14).

Redemption is threefold: spirit, soul, and body. The down payment of our glorified bodies is the glory being manifested in a measure here and now in our mortal bodies. When the trumpet sounds, God will give us the full dose of resurrection life. In the meantime, we can experience "mini-resurrections." Physical healing is our down payment for our full physical redemption (our glorified bodies).

*We know it is God's will for us to have health now; He has given healing as a first installment for full physical redemption.*

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## 32. We are Responsible for Obtaining Our Healing

Kenneth E. Hagin said, "The biggest difficulty to getting people healed is to convince *them* that it is God's will to heal." (Healing Bible Study Course, p. 131). Prov 18:9 in the Amplified Bible says, "He who is loose and slack in his work is brother to him who is a destroyer *and he who does not use his endeavors to heal himself is brother to him who commits suicide.*" In a footnote it includes, "[from the] *The Septuagint*: letting nature take its unhindered course." Most are waiting for God to perform a miracle, something beyond the normal, when healing already belongs to them.

We are responsible for obtaining our healing. Jesus purchased healing on the cross (Isaiah 53:4-5). God has done all He is going to do. It is now our responsibility to tap into His provision by meditating in His Word, believing it to be true, and acting on it. The Bible mentions many ways to receive healing; we discuss them latter. Most fail to receive by not passionately pursuing God's Word. Prov 4:20-22 says if you spend time hearing and learning God's Word it will bring health to your body like a medicine.

Medicine is good (Prov 17:22). Many people have been kept alive by medicine and doctors long enough for the Word of God to take root in their hearts and bring total healing to their bodies. But Asa sought doctors, not God. He put His trust in the doctors, not God's Word, and He died (2 Chr. 16:12-13).

Doctors have been a blessing to mankind, but God's children have been promised health; that's a step above healing. We have to lay hold of our health and not allow Satan to rob us of what already belongs to us (1 Tim 6:12).

### **33. According to Your Faith**

The healing power of God is always available. It can manifest through a tangible anointing or prayer. But the best way is if you cause it to manifest by acting on the Word, God's promise of healing. In all of these cases you have to release your faith in God's power to heal; you have to agree that it will manifest in your body. Your faith is what gives action to the power.

12 of the 19 cases of individuals being healed in the Gospels mention their faith. Jesus made it clear; you receive healing by your faith.

Centurion Matt 8:10,13; Luke 7:9

Man sick with palsy Matt 9:2; Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20

Woman with issue of blood Matt 9:22; Mark 5:32; Luke 8:48

2 blind men Matt 9:27-30

Syrophoenician women Matt 15:28

Jairus' daughter Mark 5:36; Luke 8:50

Son with dumb and deaf spirit Mark 9:17-27; Luke 9:38-42

Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:52; Luke 18:42

10 lepers Luke 17:19

Nobleman's son John 4:46-53

Lazarus John 11:40

Unbelief Matt 13:58; Mark 6:1-6

### 34. Three Steps to Faith

Keith Moore gives these three steps to produce faith:

1. *Continue in the Word until light comes* (Psalm 119:130; John 8:31-32). Spend time reading and listening to the Word until revelation comes. Let it become planted like a seed in your heart. Cultivate it with meditation. Keep watering it until it produces fruit.

2. *When the light comes, you have faith* (Rom 10:17; Isaiah 58:8).

By meditating on the Word you allow your mind to be reprogrammed until it believes God's promise more than the circumstances. You actually believe your body must reflect the conditions of God's Word. When you are convinced the Word is truer than your condition, you're in faith.

3. *Act on your faith*

Paul was preaching in Lystra (Acts 14:7-10). A crippled man was listening. When Paul looked at him, he knew the man believed what he had heard; he was in faith. Paul said with a loud voice, "Stand up." The crippled man leaped to his feet and walked for the first time in his life. Hearing the Word gave him faith; he just needed to act on what he believed. When faith is released or acted on, healing is manifested.

Don't focus on getting into faith. Spend time in the Word. Faith doesn't come from hearing about faith; it comes from hearing the Word (Rom 10:17). You don't need more faith; you need to continue in the Word. Keep meditating in the Word until you have revelation of God's will. F. F. Bosworth said, "Faith begins where the will of God is known."

### **35. Confession Plays a Major Role**

God made the things of the earth, the things “seen”, from the things “unseen” (Heb. 11:3). He created all that we see by speaking. You too have a creative force, your confession. Proverbs 18:21 says death and life are in the power of your tongue.

Abraham imitated God’s creativity when he called the things that were not as if they were (Rom 4:17). When it didn’t exist, he said it did. He had no proof that it would exist, other than God’s Word. You can call health into existence if you are sick. You don’t deny the things that are (pain, illness, etc.), but give more attention to speaking what the Word says than your illness (Prov. 12:18).

If you will believe that you will have what you say, you will have it (Mk. 11:24). Vine’s dictionary says in Ephesians 6:17 it implies the H.S. can only give "Rhema" (the Word of God made alive with faith) to what you have in you (Rom 10:17). Meditate on the Word of healing so it can come out of your mouth. The Word of God, spoken with expectation, will produce healing in your body (Rom 10:8-13).

### **36. Spiritual Healing**

Man is a spirit that lives in a body and possesses a soul (1 Ths. 5:23; Heb 4:12; 1 Pt 3:4; Eph 3:16). Your spirit deals with the spirit realm; the part that knows God. Your soul deals with intellectual realm; the mind, will and emotions. Your body deals with the physical realm; the house in which you live.

The life that is in your flesh is because of your spirit (Jms. 2:26). All life comes through your spirit (Prov 4:23). Your inner man is your source of life (Luke 11:33-36). Proverbs 18:14 (Amp) says, “The strong spirit of a man will sustain him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?”

Our goal is to build up and maintain a strong spirit. When you are strong in spirit the healing anointing can flow into you. It is the anointing that destroys yokes, not the minister (Isa 10:27).

When dealing with sickness, Jesus dealt with the root problem, Satan and sin (Col. 1:13; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14-15). Sickness is spiritual because it is a result of sin and death (Rom 5:12, 8:10-11). It must be dealt with spiritually. When dealing with sickness or ministering to the sick don't deal with symptoms, deal with the source.

### **37. Divine Healing**

Healing comes from God (Ex 15:26). Its source is divine. If Jesus is the Word (John. 1:1) and the Word heals (Prov 4:20-22), then Jesus is the source of healing and our Divine Healer.

Did Jesus heal just to prove his deity? No. There was more than one time that He was not able to heal the sick. Mark 6:5 says it wasn't that He wouldn't heal the sick, He couldn't. Jesus was hindered because of their unbelief (Matt. 13:58). In Luke 5:17 the power of God was there to heal, but they reasoned the power ineffective. And in John 5:1-9 only one was healed at the pool of Bethesda.

Jesus is the source of our healing. That source can be left untapped. He is always willing to heal. Look to Him as your source and you will receive healing for your body and health to sustain you.

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### **38. Healing is Part of Salvation**

According to Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; and 1 Peter 2:24 Jesus took our place for sin. Ephesians 2:8 says we are *saved* by grace. Not only are we saved, but we are healed as well (Rom 10:9-13).

The Greek word for “saved” is “Sozo.” Its definition is multifaceted. It includes: (An acronym is PHDSS)

**P**reservation 2 Tim 4:18

**H**ealing Acts 14:9; Mark 5:23

**D**eliverance Luke 8:36

**S**afety Matt. 8:25

**S**oundness Acts 2:46-47; Eph 2:5

The Redemption of Christ is for the whole man. Psalm 103:3 says, “Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.” We are forgiven and healed. Both halves of this verse are true today. You can’t say we are forgiven and not say we are healed. Salvation includes healing.

### **39. How to Receive Healing**

When ministering to the sick, remember that the problem is usually on the receiving end. Healing starts when they receive. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says the mind is the biggest hindrance. Help them get their mind quiet and see themselves well. If they can't see themselves well they're not ready to receive. Draw a mental picture for them. Help them get a picture in their mind of health. Once they have that picture release anointing into them.

If you are moved when manifestations occur, you will be moved when they don't occur as well. Just because you can't see results, it doesn't mean the anointing has not been ministered or the person hasn't received. It is difficult for a person to receive if they are conscious of their sin (Psalm 66:18). When Jesus couldn't get people to receive, He taught them (Mark 6:5-6; Matt 13:58).

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### **40. Methods of Receiving Healing**

There are many ways to minister to the sick. Here are some of the methods that will help a person receive healing.

#### 1. The scriptures are fact, act on them in faith.

This is the best method. A person can receive healing by faith or by the Gifts of the Spirit. Either way, they will have to keep their healing by faith. Typically, a person who received healing by the Gifts was not in faith. A person that acts on the Word in faith simply maintains his faith in order to keep his healing rather than having to develop faith after receiving healing.

Believe these scriptures and act on them:

Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24

#### 2. The Law of Contact and transmission.

When contact is made there is an actual transfer of the healing power/anointing.

##### A. The laying on of hands.

Mark 16:18; Heb 6:1-2; Mark 5:23,35-41; Mark 7:32-35; Mark 6:5; Luke 4:40; Luke 13:13; Acts 28:8

Jesus used this method more than any other.

##### B. Let the sick lay hands on you.

Mark 5:25-34; Mark 6:56; Luke 6:19

##### C. Prayer cloths.

Acts 19:11-12; Mark 5:27-30; Matt 14:36

#### 3. Speak to the disease.

Mark 11:23; Luke 4:39; Matt. 8:8

#### 4. An act of faith.

2 Kings 5:5; Luke 17:14; John 9:6-7; Acts 14:10

#### 5. See yourself well.

2 Cor 4:18 “look not at the things which are seen...”

Proverbs 23:7; Romans 4:17

6. Anointing with oil.

James 5:14-15; Mark 6:12-13

7. Intercession.

Matt 17:21; Mark 9:29; James 5:16

8. Cast out the devil.

Jesus told us that we have authority over the devil. Jesus has done all He is going to do about the devil. It is our responsibility to cast him out.

Eph 4:27; James 4:7; 1 Pt 5:8-9; Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19; Mark 9:17-27;  
Matt 17:14-18; Matt 9:32-33; Matt 12:22; Luke 11:14

9. The Gifts of the Spirit.

1 Cor 12:8-10; 1 Cor 14:1

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### **41. Why Some Fail to Receive Healing**

Most fail in 3 categories:

1. Sin Psalm 66:18; 1 John 3:20
2. Lack of Faith Rom. 4:17
3. Unforgiveness Matt. 6:14; Matt. 5:23-24

### 12 Possible Problems

1. Lack of knowledge.

Hosea 4:6; 1 Cor. 11:29

2. Lack of confidence in the Word.

Matt 7:24-27

3. Lack of unity.

Matt 18:19

4. Community unbelief.

Mark 8:22-26; Mark 5:37-40; Acts 9:37-40

5. 8 Traditions of men:

People can esteem the traditions they have been taught higher than God's Word, making ineffective God's will in their lives (Mark 7:7-9).

A. God is the author of disease.

Acts 10:38; John 10:10; Luke 13:16

B. Sickness is the will of God.

C. I glorify God more by sickness than by healing.

D. Age of miracles is past.

Heb 13:8; James 1:17

E. Its not God's will to heal all.

James 5:15

F. Always pray, "If it be Thy will?"

Matt 26:39

G. Paul's thorn.

2 Cor 12:7

H. Jesus healed as the Son of God, not as the Son of man.

Matt. 10:8; Acts 10:38; John 5:30; Phil 2:7

6. Break natural laws.

A. God's natural laws are as divine as His spiritual laws.

B. The Earth is still cursed.

2 Cor 4:4; Rev 22:3

7. Lack of faith on the part of the minister.

Matt 17:18-21

8. Some need deliverance not healing.

Matt 8:16; Luke 8:36; Luke 11:14

9. Regard iniquity in their heart.

Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16

10. Not in God's will.

James 4:7

11. Unforgiving spirit.

Mark 11:25-26; Matt 6:15; Matt 5:22-24

12. Wrongs that haven't been made right.

Ex 22:1; Luke 19:8

## **42. Why Doesn't the Manifestation Always Come Instantly?**

Something to consider when ministering to the sick; healing comes by degree. Kenneth E. Hagin gives these two:

1. The degree of healing power ministered
2. The degree of the individual's faith that gives action to that healing power.

Both are determining factors as to when the manifestation occurs.

Satan wants to hinder the manifestation as well. The one thing the devil wants the most is your faith. 1 Peter 1:7 says there will be a trial of your faith. Keith Moore says he will test you in these three areas:

1. Satan will challenge God's character, His word.
2. Satan tries to make you walk by sight.
3. Time.

Mark. 11:24 says you *shall* have what you say, but it doesn't say it will be instant.

### **43. Does God Make People Sick?**

Young's Concordance says Exodus 15:26 is translated wrong. It should have been translated in the permissive sense, not the causative sense.

God is not the destroyer; Satan is (Ex 12:12,23; John. 10:10). God permitted Satan to take the lives of the Egyptians on the Passover night. It may even be said better, the Egyptian's rebellion required God to remove his hand of protection.

In Heb 1:3 Jesus is described as the "express image" of God. This is the same Greek word used Heb. 11:1 as "substance". Jesus is the will of God in action. He did and said what the Father told him to do (John. 5:30; 6:38). If He healed people that God made sick, He was rebellious and disobedient.

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### **44. Healing vs. Demonic Oppression**

The demon possessed do not need healing, they need deliverance. When dealing with the devil, command him to come out. T.L. Osborne said, "We rebuke the devil and people get well."

A Christian can have a demon attacking their body but not possessing their spirit (like termites in a house). Satan is the one who oppresses people with sickness. Jesus sets them free (Acts 10:38; Luke 13:16; John 10:10).

The number one way people lose their healing is through counter attacks. Matt. 12:43 says, a spirit can go out of a man and return. Lester Sumrall tells the story of the girl bitten by demons. He said she was set free 20+ times.

## **45. Was Paul's "Thorn" a Disease?**

Look at these explanations of the phrases in 2 Cor. 12:7-13:

### "Thorn in the flesh"

When "thorn" is used in the Old Testament it always describes a personality, never a sickness or disease.

Num. 33:55; Josh. 23:13; Jdg. 2:2-3; 2 Sam. 23:6

### "Messenger"

181 x's it is translated "angel"; 7 x's it is translated "messenger". Each time, it describes a person sent by another for a purpose. This "messenger" was sent by Satan for the purpose of stopping Paul from spreading the "abundance of revelations".

Matt. 11:10; Mk. 1:2; Lk 7:24, 27; Lk 9:52; 2 Cor 12:7; Jms. 2:25

### "Abundance of revelations"

Persecution always arises for the Word's sake. Paul's ministry was one of the most productive of its time and his writings fill two-thirds of the New Testament.

Mk 4:14-15

### "Exalted above measure"

It means to "excel beyond the usual mark". Satan's goal was to stop Paul, at all cost. Paul excelled above all other apostles in his ministry but maintained a humble attitude stating, "Though I am nothing."

2 Cor. 12:11-13

### "Buffet"

It means to "strike repeatedly, blow after blow". If it were sickness, Paul would be sick, recover, get sick, recover, and be sick again. He suffered many persecutions, but no sickness.

2 Cor. 11:23-28

Paul was unable to overcome these trials in his own strength, but was delivered by God's grace in them all.

2 Tim 3:10-11

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### "My grace is sufficient"

Grace is the empowerment to do what God asks. This grace was for persecution, not sickness. God did not send the messenger, nor was it His responsibility to remove it. God gave Paul the grace, to live above all the attacks brought on by the demons assigned to stop his ministry. When grace is acted on, in faith, it allows God to produce results.

1 Pt 5:5-9; James 4:7

### "Infirmities"

The Greek word means “weakness”, defined as, “the inability to produce results.” Paul took pleasure knowing it was God producing the results, not him.

2 Cor 12:10

### ***Some suggest Paul had a sickness in his eyes:***

#### "With what large letters I have written to you"

Dictionaries and commentaries say this means, “What a long and authoritative epistle I have written,” not diseased eyes.

Gal 6:11

### "At the first"

Paul went to Galatia more than once.

Acts 14:6; 16:1.

The first time he went to Galatia he preached to them with “physical infirmity”. When they saw him on this journey, he had just come from Lystra where they stoned him and left him for dead.

Acts 14:19; Gal 4:13

### "My temptation"

The Greek reads, “Your trial” for “my temptation”. Paul’s physical appearance after being stoned was difficult for the Galatians to look upon. We can understand why they were willing, in a manner of speech, to give him their eyes.

Gal. 4:14-15

“Prayer cloths”

Pieces of cloth that Paul wore were taken to the sick and possessed so that they might be set free. If Paul had an eye disease or any other disease they would have burned the cloths, not given them to the sick.

Acts 19:11-12

## 46. Job

Job 1:8 (Young's Literal Translation) says, God saw that Satan had his eye on Job. God did not initiate Job's struggles. God recognized that Satan was going to attack Job.

In Job 1:4-5 Job offered sacrifices continually. This was to be done once, in faith. He was in unbelief, not faith.

Job 3:25 says that what he feared came on him. Fear is a confidence that evil will occur, and it did.

He thought both good and evil came from God (Job 1:21). In Job 42:3 he began to see that God didn't do this to him. After his sacrifices (prayers) for his friends (which he did in faith) God removed Job from his captivity and restored his prosperity (42:10). He lived another 140 years (42:16).

According to scholars, Job's test lasted only 9 to 18 months. If you are being tested, as Job, rejoice! It won't last long.

Fear cost Job everything. Faith restored it.