

CHANGE YOUR LIFE CHANGE THE WORLD



(719) 635-6029



info@charisbiblecollege.org

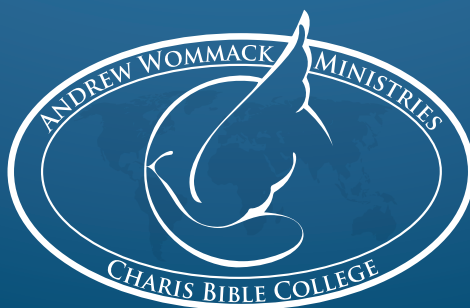


CBCCO



@CBC_Colorado

WWW.CHARISBIBLECOLLEGE.ORG





CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE COLORADO

“And the things that you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2

Class Name



CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE COLORADO

Greetings!

I am so excited to offer to you our new training manual for The Healing School at Charis Bible College of Colorado Springs. This course is applicable for any believer who wants to be trained in “how to minister” to those in need of healing, as well as pastors and leaders who also want to grow in this area. It would be great to use in Bible studies, Sunday school or even in an educational school setting.

In our culture today there is so much unbelief that we are facing every day from television commercials for all the medications we “should” be taking, to well meaning Christians who think that their situation is somehow too difficult for God. We need instruction, not only on what the Bible says about healing, wholeness and health, but also how to minister to the sick.

As the Director of The Healing School, I teach this course in a casual, discussion style with Carlie Terradez, as well as one session with her husband, Ashley. They assist me in The Healing School and are gifted teachers with a passion for healing ministry!

Ashley and Carlie have walked through many healings in their lifetime. The story of their daughter, Hannah, being healed is featured on the first Healing Journeys’ DVD. It has been featured on Andrew’s TV program and is available on our website. Our desire is that this course will be very practical. Not only will you get the Word of God, but you will hear from people who have years of experience and have learned what to do, as well as what not to do, with a dash of humor included!

Our prayer is that you will find this course not only personally helpful, but that it will be a catalyst for a more effective healing ministry in Jesus’ name.

Daniel Amstutz

Director of The Healing School

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

P.O. BOX 49459, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80949 PHONE 719•635•6029 FAX 719•635•2223 WWW.CHARISBIBLECOLLEGE.ORG



Prayer Ministry

Training Manual

2012-2013

Charis Bible College School of Healing

Prayer Ministry Training Manual

TABLE OF CONTENTS

You are able Ministers _____	3
Let your only motivation be the love of God _____	4
The most important skill of a prayer minister _____	6
Do you want to hear God? _____	8
The Gifts of the Holy Spirit _____	10
Christ the Healer _____	14
Healing is part of the atonement, it comes with Salvation _____	16
Why would you not believe in healing? _____	17
The open doors to sickness _____	22
Jesus ministered through faith _____	32
A Better Way to Pray _____	40
So how do we resist the devil? _____	43
Know what you believe about healing _____	45
Ministering to others _____	49
Ministering to children _____	52
Reasons why people struggle to receive their healing _____	53
Technical pointers _____	58
Prayer for Salvation _____	59
Baptism of the Holy Spirit _____	60

All scriptures are taken from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

You are able Ministers!

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

It is normal to feel nervous, nauseous, inadequate or even fearful as you begin to step out and pray for others. Do not let this stop you from doing all that God has called you to do! Many have gone before and survived, you will too.

This is a School of Healing. We are all growing in our revelation of God and not one of us has arrived, but we are learning. So while on the inside we may feel totally inadequate, Jesus in us is everything we need to be effective ministers.

The more we step out, the more we will experience God working through us, the bolder we become and our ability to believe God (our faith) becomes effective.

Philemon 4-6

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, ⁵ hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, ⁶ that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

LET YOUR ONLY MOTIVATION BE THE LOVE OF GOD

1 Samuel 16:7

For The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

The heart is what matters to the Lord, and that is why we are told to guard our heart. This ancient Hebrew word really means to “value” your heart or to “protect” your heart. This is your entire inner man, and it is critical to YOU because everything in your life flows from this place.

Proverbs 4:20-23

“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. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

This makes it clear that if we keep the Word in our heart it will be life and health to us! With God, everything is a heart thing! The condition of our heart is the most important thing! Your heart really matters! God is looking at the internal, but that is not the case with humanity! Man looks on the outward appearance and so even though we would like to think it doesn’t matter, our outward appearance does matter! We need to look sharp! If you were to look sloppy and unkempt at The Healing School, most people would read that as a reflection of what is going on inside. In the gospel of Mark, we find the story of Jesus coming to “his own country” and they only saw him after the outward appearance, as “the carpenter’s son,” and so they were offended at Him. He was limited in how effective He was in THAT location because of their unbelief! But, He didn’t stop there, he just moved on!

Mark 6:1-6

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?” So 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 marvelled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

One more aspect of this is: how do you see yourself? Are you seeing yourself after the outward appearance or who you are in Christ and who He is in you? Do you see yourself as the dwelling place of God on the earth? Do you see yourself as a temple full of the glory of God? How do you see yourself? Look at your neighbour and tell them, “You’re looking at the Glory of God!”

Again, let your only motivation be the love of God! Have an attitude of humility! Look with me at **Philippians 2:2-11**. Pride will always focus on you, while humility recognizes this is not about you, but Jesus! Christ in you is the reason there IS glory!

Philippians 2:2-11

Fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

One more thing I want to highlight from that Mark 6:1-6 passage is that when you encounter unbelief, even if it limits you don’t let it stop you! Jesus could not do any mighty work there, not because He was not mighty, but because of their unbelief! Jesus knew who He was! HE WAS NOT LIMITED, THEY WERE! He didn’t let their unbelief become His! Because He believed, He KEPT MOVING FORWARD! Don’t let someone’s “NO” become a stop sign when it comes to healing. Mark 16 does say that “signs” will follow the believer, but a “stop sign” is not one of them!

The most important skill of a prayer minister

Hearing from God

As a son or daughter of God, you have been placed in His family because of Jesus and so you are now a member of His house, the Body of Christ. This IS the Father's House, which is a house of prayer, a house of communication, a place where you can hear from God. The minute you are born again, you can hear God!

John 10:27 - My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Sometimes we think hearing is only for the super-spiritual, but you can see clearly that is not true. We will be able to hear more clearly if we continue growing in God's Word, but you are not going to *start* hearing once you attain a certain status of spirituality! You don't hear when your mind is 30% renewed! It doesn't work that way! You hear as soon as you are born again!

Hearing from God has been made to be so mysterious and hard to attain, when in reality it is no different than with a child - parent relationship in the natural. You hear as soon as you are born, *but* you develop in clarity and wisdom as you get more understanding. The Holy Spirit wrote the Word, so when God speaks to you by His Spirit, the more Word you have in your heart, the more ability you will have to "bear witness to the truth."

Romans 9:1

"I tell *(you)* the truth in Christ; I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit."

Have you heard someone say something like, "Wow, that doesn't bear witness at all." *What are they talking about?* Or when someone says, "*I don't know. I feel a check in my spirit.*" What is that?

Two ways that we hear from God or how the Holy Spirit guides us is by an inward witness and/or an inward voice. Many people have asked, "Well, what does it sound like?" They are expecting some super mysterious answer. I tell them, it

sounds like your voice. If Christ is now IN YOU by the Holy Spirit, then when He speaks to you, He is going to sound like you. Not only that, but He will speak a language that you understand! Isn't THAT amazing? In the Gospels, when Jesus was speaking to farmers, he used farmer language, and when he spoke to fishermen, he spoke in a way they could understand. That is why it is really so ridiculous to make ourselves sound "King James" when we are speaking something we've heard from the Spirit of God.

John 16:13-14

However, when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you in to all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority; but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for he will take of what is Mine, and declare it to you.

Hebrews 5:13-14

Everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by REASON OF USE have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Do You want to hear God?

I had someone ask me once, “How much will it cost me to learn to hear from God?” I was amazed they asked that, but without hesitation, I said, “everything!” This relationship you have with a living God is you losing your life for His sake, which is how you find your new life. It is about having a relationship with a living God, which is a living breathing relationship. It’s not a formula... It’s a friendship!

Revelation 3:20

Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Christ in you is NOT about visitation! He wants to abide! It’s about habitation!

Matthew 10:27

Jesus said, “Whatever I tell you in the dark (*in private*), speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.”

Jesus came to reveal the Father and just like He never did anything that the Father didn’t say or do, that is what He wants with us. He is the reason that we can have a relationship. In that living breathing relationship, He wants us to hear from Him and then BE A VOICE. What we hear, we are to be “preaching” on the housetops!

As we spend time investing into this unseen kingdom, of course we will reap! We will start to delight in, or develop desires for, spiritual things and things of the heart that will eventually be more important to us than the lusts of the flesh.

The presence of God will be where we live, not where we visit. Passion for His Presence and both hearing and speaking His Word will develop into compassion for others. How can we say that we love God, and not give to others freely what has been freely given to us? We need to give them Jesus! A great question to ask yourself to test/see where you are is, “Do they need me, or do they need Jesus?”

Luke 8:18– Says that we are to “TAKE HEED HOW WE HEAR!” You don’t learn to listen, to the heart of someone you love, in just 5 minutes! You need to quiet yourself, and enter into the rest of the “finished work of Jesus” instead of trying to do stuff that will get you where you think you need to be! Saying yes to your heart, and saying yes to hearing and listening will take faith. It takes faith to enter into His rest! You have to trust what HE did instead of what you think you need to do!

Matthew 11:28-30– “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Hebrews 4:1-12– Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them, but the word which they heard did not profit them not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as he has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works,” and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts,” For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

The minute you are born again, you have the fruit of the Holy Spirit now alive in your spirit man. That is why there is no law against this powerful production of Holy Spirit life. But, not only do you have fruit as **Galatians 5:22-23** says, but now you have access to receive the gifts that the Holy Spirit has for you as well. Isn't it fun to receive a gift? But, how many of you love giving a gift even more! Well, when God gives us a gift of the Holy Spirit it isn't FOR us, it's for us to give to someone else! It's the gift that keeps on giving!

As you learn to listen, you will have something to say... something that God is saying... you will be a voice! When you start to listen, instead of being passive, you activate into operating in the things of the Spirit of God, and releasing the life of God.

Every believer can and should operate freely in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. God wants you to flow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There are nine gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all...

1 Corinthians 12:1

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.

It is through lack of knowledge that we perish! When we have ignorance concerning spiritual gifts, we will end up in a ditch; either denying that they exist or being abused and controlled because of not knowing the truth. It is knowing the truth that sets us free.

If we should not be ignorant about the gifts, then why are we? There is not much being said about them in many places today. People have backed off of the gifts in an effort to be more culturally relevant, which according to the Word of God is not a good choice.

1 Corinthians 12 gives us more knowledge about the gifts and how they work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kind of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

These gifts are given to you to bless someone else! They are not given to you to claim for the sake of status! You are blessed to be a blessing! Everything you do should be to edify someone else! See 1 Corinthians 14:26 ... Let all things be done for edification.

When you flow in the gifts of the Spirit the reason you do it is because of the love of God in you, but how you do it is by faith just like anything else in the kingdom!

1 Corinthians 14:1

Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 12:31

But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

Romans 12:6

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith.

Many believers don't even know about the gifts, and they certainly don't earnestly desire them or desire to operate in them! God has given them to us for times when we need them! He is so generous in how He gives to us so that He can give through us! Let's take a look at them:

1. The Gift of "Word of Wisdom" is when a word of revelation comes to help you in a particular situation, concerning divine purpose in the will of God. God is showing you something about the future to help you solve something that you could never have figured out on your own.
2. The Gift of "Word of Knowledge" is when a word of knowledge comes supernaturally from the heart of God about something that He wants us to know. It is a revealed fact about a person, a place or a thing. It can expose something, it can help recover something; it can warn you about something or show you something you need to know.
3. The Gift of "Faith" is of course a power gift! It is a gift of the Spirit, or a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Every believer has "faith" but this Gift of Faith that we're talking about is a "special faith" as the Amplified Bible calls it in 1 Corinthians 12:9. It is different than the fruit of faith as in Galatians 5:22-23. Here it is faithfulness, and as in all the fruit, they have to do with character where the gifts have more to do with power. The fruit is for us, while other's benefit, but the gifts are for others but we benefit too. We know from Mark 11:24 that when we pray if we believe or activate the faith that we already have by being a believer, we will receive what we are praying for. This applies to every believer. However, the gift of faith does NOT apply to every believer. According to 1 Corinthians 12:8-9 not every believer is going to have this Gift of Faith. So, if we had to rely on this Gift of Faith from the Holy Spirit to get our prayers answered, then it would only be for a few. The Gift of Faith is something given by the Holy Spirit for a specific assignment. It is something that we need to receive when prompted.
4. Gifts of Healings are our next gift in the list, and it is plural. It is NOT a Gift of Healing. It is the Gifts of Healings Gift! THAT is a big difference. This is a supernatural healing of sickness and disease without natural help.

5. Working of Miracles is our next gift, and this is just what it says: it is the WORKING of miracles. It does something... it is active! It is supernatural and supersedes the laws of the natural world we live in. In a sense every healing is a miracle, but it probably isn't the "gift" of the Working of Miracles. (God used Moses to divide the Red Sea that was a miracle.)
6. Prophecy is the next gift, and this gift is a supernatural message in a language that is known, totally inspired by the Holy Spirit. The person is speaking as a spokesman for God. However, be careful not to go King James on people by saying, "thus saith the Lord." That is not necessary and it is usually not helpful! Say something simple like "this is what I'm hearing that I'm supposed to say to you." You let the Holy Spirit speak through you.
7. The gift of Discerning of Spirits is a supernatural ability to see into the spirit realm and reveal something. The gift of Wisdom and the gift of Knowledge also reveal, but this gift reveals only into the spirit world, both good and bad. It is not seeing only evil spirits. It is also not discernment! This is not some kind of psychological knowing. It is also not the ability to know someone's faults. It is not the discerning of people, but the discerning of spirits.
8. Different Kind of Tongues is the next gift and this has nothing to do with a learned language. This is a supernatural utterance in languages never learned by the person speaking, nor understood by the one speaking, and may not be understood by the one hearing. It has nothing to do with the intellect of man. In public ministry this gift would have to have a follow up of an interpretation which brings us to our next gift.
9. The Interpretation of Tongues is just that; an interpretation not a translation. This is a supernatural gift but it does not operate unless tongues have been in operation.

All of these gifts are available to us but they are not OUR gifts. They are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and He gives them to us as He sees fit. We still have to receive them by faith, and operate in them by faith. Learning to listen will help us be in alignment spiritually speaking so the Holy Spirit can flow out of us to help someone else! What an amazing thing when it comes to healing the sick!

Christ the Healer

The most important understanding that any Prayer Minister must have is simply that there is only one Saviour, and we are not Him. Christ in us is the healer. No one person can be held accountable for an individual's healing or salvation. This is reasonably easy to grasp based on the fact that that we cannot will people into the Kingdom or force them to receive healing, it's quite the opposite. Although Jesus was the propitiation for all mankind, each individual has to accept this sacrifice for him or herself. So then as we cannot receive salvation on behalf of another, neither can we receive healing on behalf of another, the recipient must individually be willing to receive.

Many ministers become worn out in ministering. One reason for this is that they have taken on themselves the responsibility of another's physical or spiritual condition. This is not our burden to carry. Ministers feed the sheep the Word and allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to work through them to do the ministering. We do not take credit for a miracle or a healing, but recognize that it is Jesus in us who is responsible. Yet often times, ministers see themselves as responsible when they do not see any immediate results in a person's physical condition. It makes no sense to take on the responsibility for 'failure' and not the credit for success; when the truth is that neither success nor failure belongs to us.

Healing is always God's will

God's will is for His children to be in health. All of the promises in God are 'Yes' and 'Amen.' Every person that approached Jesus for healing was fully restored. He was always willing.

Luke 5:12-13

*And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."*¹³ Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, ***"I am willing; be cleansed."***

There are many verses where healing and salvation are mentioned in the same verse and others where healing and forgiveness of sin are paired together. For example: James 5:16 and Luke 5:23.

Romans 10:13 (KJV)

For ³⁹⁵⁶ ¹⁰⁶³ whosoever ³⁷³⁹ ³⁰² shall call upon ¹⁹⁴¹ the name ³⁶⁸⁶ of the Lord ²⁹⁶² shall be saved ⁴⁹⁸²

The word here that is used for 'saved' ⁴⁹⁸² is *sozo*. In the original Greek text, one word often had several meanings which were lost when the Bible was translated into English.

(Strongs 4982) *sozo* means:

To save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue or deliver from danger, destruction, and peril.

With this understanding, Romans 10:13 could be written as 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be healed/forgiven/delivered from destruction.'

3 John 2 (KJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy **soul** prospereth.

God's will is for us to BE IN HEALTH! Healing is a grace provision from God knowing that we would need it!

Psalms 103:3

It didn't say "He helps us manage our diseases."

Psalms 103:1-3

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...**

If God's will was for us to be sick, He wouldn't have provided healing as part of the atonement along with salvation, deliverance and prosperity. Even in the Old Testament God's will was to heal. Seeing that He is a God that changes not, we can be assured that He has not had a change of heart on the matter!

Also look at **1 Thessalonians 5:23**. Health is for the whole man, spirit, soul and body. One can be born again and still suffer in the soul and the body!

Healing is part of the atonement, it comes with Salvation

In Jesus' time people doubted not that He could heal but that he could forgive sin. This is interesting because in the culture of Jesus' day, God could only relate to mankind through physical signs. The Holy Spirit had not yet come to dwell in people's hearts, He came upon individuals for a particular purpose and left. The people of Jesus' time would have heard stories of their ancestors passed down from generations about the signs and wonders they had seen God perform: the plagues of Egypt, the pillar of fire, the bronze serpent that healed, water from a rock and manna from heaven, not to mention the mighty miracles performed by the prophets. Once the word got out that Jesus was the messiah and miracles were happening, crowds flocked to Him because they knew what the power of God looked like. The paralytic man who was lowered in through the roof by his friends is a perfect example of this. Like the woman with the issue of blood, he knew that Jesus had the power to heal. The challenge for the crowd was not in the physical demonstration but in Jesus' ability to forgive sin. That is why Jesus asked them, "What is easier to say, arise take up your bed and walk, or go in peace your sins have been forgiven?" For them, to understand that Jesus could forgive their sins without seeing a sacrifice was much more difficult to believe. They did not know then that He was the sacrifice!

Today people struggle with the opposite; they accept their forgiveness of sin and accept salvation, but doubt the possibility of physical healing. I suspect that this is because people find it easier to relate to a God they cannot see. Now that the Holy Spirit resides within us, God speaks to us - Spirit to spirit. He does not need to rely on outward signs to communicate with us. Much of our relationship with God is unseen. Our covenant with God since the resurrection of Jesus is a better and more powerful one based on grace rather than on our performance, but many Christians internalize their relationship with God. There is little outward evidence of their faith. Healing is a challenging outward expression of the power of God in our physical world that some would rather ignore. Many believers have readily picked up the helmet of salvation but leave the rest of the armour on the table.

Why would you not believe in healing?

Isaiah 53:1-5

This book is prophesying the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus hundreds of years before He was born.

¹ Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the **arm** of the LORD been revealed?

The **arm** of the Lord describes Jesus being revealed to all who believe...

² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground.
He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him,
There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

³ He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

This section describes His death and what it will accomplish:

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;

Griefs ²⁴⁸³ here, means sickness and disease, sorrows ⁴³⁴¹ means pain.

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ 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**.*

‘Healed’ here refers to physical healing, being cured, and restored to favour with God.

We can see the fulfilment of this prophecy in the New Testament as it is repeated.

1 Peter 2:24

...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.

This time the word ‘healed’ is past tense, because it has been accomplished. It means to have been healed, cured and made whole. Made whole refers to God having forgiven our sin, and completely restoring us.

Deuteronomy clearly lists sickness and disease as a curse, never a blessing in disguise! The good news is that Jesus redeemed us from this curse; it no longer has a hold over believers.

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)

Healing was another facet of the restoration that Jesus brought us through His sacrifice. It is ours, as believers, as much as salvation. Yet there are many believers that choose not to receive what is rightfully theirs. They continue to live defeated lives, responding to sickness the same way the world does. They measure God’s promises against their experience. Many do not believe that God wants them well simply because they have not seen the healing power of God. It is easier to explain this lack of supernatural activity by accepting a lie that it is God withholding something from us, that He doesn’t want to heal, or that He wants to teach us some lesson by making us sick.

Psalms 84:11

*For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good [thing] will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

When we look at scripture we see that Jesus never put sickness on anyone or refused to heal them; as many as would come were healed. The reason believers get this all mixed up is because they have a wrong understanding of the true nature of God.

God is good. Satan is bad.

This sounds simple and it is. Yet many have these things confused. They have been deceived into thinking that sickness can be good, that God uses sickness to teach his children, that God allows bad things to happen to us for our overall good. No. This is a perfect example of where the scriptures describe people calling good, evil and evil, good. Satan thrives on this belief because as long as God is getting the credit for his evil, he can run roughshod over lives undetected. Not only do Christians die and suffer, but they live defeated like the world rather than be living examples of the goodness of God to others. Their own relationship with God is affected. It is impossible to pray a prayer of faith or enter into an intimate relationship with a God who you believe may subject you to some disaster supposedly for your own good. If believers really think that God is the author of sickness and disease, then surely it would be wrong to go to a doctor or receive any form of treatment? They may be missing God!

Hebrews 10:19-22 (KJV)

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And [having] an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

God is our loving Father from which comes every good and perfect gift, and He won't change His mind about us! He loves us!

James 1:17 (KJV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

My parents were unsaved until my late teens. No one in my family knew Christ. Yet even as heathens we knew a good gift from a bad one! Parents would naturally give everything they have to save the life of their child; they certainly

would not withhold a cure if it was in their power to give it. How much more so with God? He is the perfect father.

God does not put sickness on people to teach them things. Although because of His grace, He can bring good out of any situation. He is big enough to handle our mistakes!

Healing offends some people— Why, because it puts responsibility back into our hands. Rather than sickness producing pity, sympathy, and helpless defeat, a revelation of healing sparks a righteous anger in the heart of a believer. It shouts aloud in faith at the intruder that is attempting to trespass in its temple! Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world! **1 John 4:4.**

Luke 17:1 (KJV) – Offence is a big area! Offences WILL come! The Greek word for offence here is the word “scandalon,” and is where we get the word “scandal”. A scandalon is literally a small piece of wood to KEEP THE DOOR OPEN for an animal trap. Think of it! It is the way you will enter right into a trap if you take the bait! Love takes NO offence. Don’t let offence keep the door open for a snare in your life. Just say “no” to offence, and let it go! Choose to walk in love.

A second word picture we get from this word is that of a rock as in **1 Peter 2:8**, which here is not a solid rock, but rather a rock of offense (also offence). It is something you trip over. It trips you up! Watch how this happens. I have had this happen many times in my life! An offense usually happens when we experience a behavior that is so different from what we expected that it causes us to trip in our soul. We get so shocked that it turns into disbelief, then into disappointment, and finally into offense. It is an open door for the enemy to have access to our soul. Shut the door... keep out the devil! Offense can harden a person’s heart towards God which results in them struggling to receive from Him. Guard against offense!

Responding to God

Healing, like salvation is not automatic. There must be a response to this wonderful provision. We had to accept and receive our salvation. It did not come upon us outside of our free will. This is where faith becomes important. Faith is a trusting confidence in the promises of God, taking as real that which cannot be perceived through our five senses. The Kingdom of God operates under a faith system, in which all things are possible for him who believes. We cannot receive

what we are unwilling to believe. This explains why many Christians remain sick even though the provision for healing was supplied for them 2000 years ago. Some are unwilling to believe that healing is still for us today, or that God's will is for us to be well. Faith looks not at the natural experience or circumstances, but into the unseen spiritual kingdom where God is. This is how we access the promises of God, by placing more value on Spiritual things than on earthly conditions. Jesus Himself was bound by the law of faith. There are many accounts of Jesus healing people through the Gospels. Although the circumstances and people changed, there was one common ingredient. On every occasion faith was present. Faith had to be present for Jesus to heal. That is why in a certain town Jesus could not do many mighty miracles. Even Jesus could not override the people's unwillingness to believe. He couldn't force them to receive healing, they had free will.

Matthew 13:53-58

Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.⁵⁴ When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synaogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"⁵⁵ Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?⁵⁶ And His sisters are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Jesus accounts the lack of mighty works to the people's unbelief. This exactly as it sounds - belief in "un!" They would not believe, either in who Jesus was or that He had the power to heal. Their unbelief caused them to become offended at Him. Unbelief comes by focusing our attention on the natural world, those things that we can taste, hear, see, smell, and feel. Unbelief and fear are often the partners in crime that counteract our faith. This is why it is crucial that Prayer ministers have a solid foundation in the Word. It is the truth that sets us free, but only the truth that we know, that we have read and understood that can help us. By reading the Word and praying in tongues we build ourselves up in our most holy faith, so that unbelief in us does not become a stumbling block for those we pray for. If God is not larger than life on the inside of us, how can we pray a prayer of faith or encourage others to believe what we do not believe ourselves?

The open doors to sickness

We already mentioned the trap of offense but there are many others.

Personal sin can open a door when not dealt with properly.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned..."

Original sin opened the door to sickness and death. All the germs we deal with on a daily basis are the result of the fall of Adam. Genetic disorders are the result of this as well. It is the way of the world system.

John 5:14

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

Proverbs 28:13

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."

Covering up personal sins is really a dumb idea, because Jesus has already forgiven all sin, and so we are only hurting ourselves by not receiving the forgiveness that He has given. By covering up we just give access to the enemy, which is a really bad idea! The Devil has no access to us unless we give it to him!

Wrong Thinking

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

We are responsible as believers to take every contrary thought captive! Sickness is not the will of God! It is a contrary thought! It is something that is exalting itself against the knowledge of God! Bring it into captivity! By the way, as long as you tolerate sickness, you will!

UNFORGIVENESS IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON DOORWAYS!

Mark 11:23-26

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

... bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also **MUST DO**.

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

When you begin to really discover how much God loves you, you will find it easier to love others. Just refuse to live in unforgiveness! Instead walk in love.

YOU HAVE AUTHORITY TO SHUT THE DOOR

***Open doors and wrong attitudes will obey your commands!
Pluck it up! Speak to those roots!***

If the Holy Spirit shows you an open door in your soul, you have the authority to do something about it! The Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth but don't expect God to close your open door. He has already given you authority to do something about it! Look at this:

Luke 17:6

So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

Something as simple as ‘lack of knowledge’ can be a huge open door.

Isaiah 5:13

Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge...

Hosea 4:6-7

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have

forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. "The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me..."

Here we see: Lack of Knowledge, Rejected Knowledge and Forgotten Knowledge.

STRIFE CAN BE AN OPEN DOOR

James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking (strife) exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

A ROOT OF BITTERNESS CAN BE AN OPEN DOOR

Hebrews 12:15

Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

UNBELIEF and OPPOSING OURSELVES

Hebrews 3:19 & 4:1-2

SO we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them, but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

There are other hindrances besides the ones from within:

The Devil Does Not Want Us To Know that We Are Free! He has evil spirits that work for him.

Luke 11:24

Jesus says here, "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

Luke 13:11-13

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

A Direct Attack

John 9:3

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him..."

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober (self-controlled) be vigilant (watchful), because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Acts 10:38

... 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.

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life (zoë), and that they may have it more abundantly.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

FEAR

Fear is: **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal. It is faith in the devil to do you harm! Fear has torment! Fear believes a lie and then receives it as truth. It is faith in reverse!

Mark 4:37-40

And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

Romans 14:23

But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

1 John 4:18-19

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us!

Matthew 8:16-17

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.”

Sometimes in healing the sick, deliverance from a demon spirit may happen as it is nothing to be afraid of, however, you do need to know what the Word of God says about this, and be confident!

Mark 16:17-18

Jesus said, “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.”

Acts 8:7-8

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.

A couple of things you should know about taking authority over demons are:

- (a) Don't look for a manifestation! (They may happen, but don't look for them!)
- (b) Don't talk with demons! We don't want to carry on conversations with them! Jesus told them to be quiet and come out! (You tell them, they don't tell you!)
- (c) Use the Word of God, speaking it in faith.

Matthew 8:16

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...

Lifestyle Choices May Be an Open Door

Much of our sickness is brought on by our diet and our lifestyle. Smoking is not good for your health. Weighing 350 pounds is not good. Praying for your knees to be healed when you are that overweight does you very little good, because you won't be able to keep your healing.

1 Timothy 4:8

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.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Psalms 127:2

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows, for He gives His beloved sleep.

Psalms 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

What are you spending your time doing? Does it matter?

Make sure you are drinking enough water. It is very important that you stay hydrated, especially in the high altitude of Colorado Springs. As basic as this sounds; it is amazing how many people are sick because they are not doing this. Did you know that the disks in your spine are 85% water?

Weight Control

This is an area that is easy for us to allow the flesh to have its own way, but we don't have to. We already have the fruit of self control alive and well in us from the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:12

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Proverbs 23:1-3

When you sit down to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before you; and put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food.

Even though this Proverbs' passage is talking about something else here, the principle is the same. Don't let food become something that controls you!

Grief can be an Open Door

Psalms 31:9

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; My eye wastes away with grief, yes, my soul and my body.

Envy, jealousy, worry, disappointment, if not dealt with by the Spirit of God, can be a door

Proverbs 14:30

A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

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

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

How we see ourselves is how we will be (sick or well?)

Matthew 6:34

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Jesus ministered through faith

Why is faith important? Faith is how we access the promises of God that grace has provided. Healing is one of the many promises included in this provision.

Hebrews 11:33-35

...who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again.

Jesus provoked faith in those He ministered to. He wanted to see what they were believing for? Who did they think He was? What did they think He could do for them? What they were thinking was very important. Some He walked away from, some He questioned, often He got them to do something like: stretch out your hand, go your way, show yourself to the priest. Jesus saw each person as an individual and ministered differently each time. As ministers, we can learn to follow Jesus' example in this area.

It is important that we see the person, not just the problem. Just as each person is unique, the way we minister to people should be Holy Spirit guided, not merely a formula that we follow.

Matthew 8:13 – “Go your way and **as you have believed** let it be done for you.”
We receive according to how we believe.

Matthew 9:29 – Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to **your faith** let it be to you.”

Matthew 9:27-29 – Blind men- “**Do you believe** that I am able to do this?”

Mark 10:46-52– Blind Bartimaeus– Jesus asked, “**What do you want** Me to do for you?”

John 5:5-9– Man at pool of Bethesda-Jesus asked, “**Do you want to be made well (healed)?**” The man had been sick a long time - don't assume a person wants to be healed.

Romans 12:3 (KJV)

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the **measure of faith**.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the **faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Scripture shows clearly that we all have the ability to believe because we all have been given the measure of faith. We also now have the faith of Jesus in us so none of us lack in the area of faith. It is not that we need more faith, but rather that our minds are more consumed with unbelief.

The Bible shows us examples of faith in action. We classify these as active and passive faith. Active meaning that the individuals' faith caused them to reach out and take what they knew was theirs; such as the woman who crawled through the crowd to touch Jesus' garments. Passive meaning that they were in a position where it took all they had within them to overcome their unbelief so that they could receive what was provided for them. These are the people we minister to that usually need someone to come alongside them in faith in order for them to receive, until they reach the point that their relationship with God alone can supply all their needs.

Active faith

The Centurion's servant was healed in Matthew 8:5-13. Jesus' word alone was enough for the Centurion to know it was done; blessed are those who do not see and yet believe.

Passive faith

Mark 9:17-29 – The Father of epileptic boy recognised his own unbelief saying 'if you can do anything, have compassion on us' and placed himself at the compassion of Jesus. Jesus turned the man's question back at him saying: 'if you can believe all things are possible to him who believes.' When the father came to a place of belief, Jesus ministered in faith and the boy was healed.

Belief, a primary form of faith

Mature believers have learned to use faith in order to receive for themselves and others. Those new or young in the Lord often receive healing based on the faith of others, but it is their own relationship with the Lord (their own faith) that will be needed in order to stay healthy.

As ministers, we need to meet people where they are at, without condemning them for not being more mature. For an example of this, look at the difference between Jairus and the Centurion. Jesus did not tell Jairus (Mark 5) that he could have just said, 'say the word and my daughter will be healed,' instead He met Jairus at the point of his faith and went to his house as he asked.

Faith definitions: there is a difference between faith and hope

How does the Bible define faith?

Hebrews 11:1-2

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (NIV)

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. (Amp)

Many people understand that by faith they receive healing. Many more confess that they are 'in faith' and yet are obviously sick. A greater number still, do not have a clear understanding of what faith actually is, even though they claim they are 'in' it. If we look at hope it becomes clear that this describes the state of many of those 'waiting for their healing.'

The confusion between faith and hope in the church

The dictionary defines hope as: Hope, wishful thinking or positive thinking -

1. The feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best: *to give up hope*.
2. A particular instance of this feeling: *the hope of winning*.
3. Grounds for this feeling in a particular instance: *There is little or no hope of his recovery*.
4. A person or thing in which expectations are centered: *The medicine was her last hope*.
5. Something that is hoped for: *Her forgiveness is my constant hope*.
6. To look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.
7. To believe, desire, or trust: I hope that my work will be satisfactory.
8. To feel that something desired may happen: We hope for an early spring.

All these points are feeling based, or wanting the best without certainty of the outcome.

Faith is more than this. Faith is the substance of hope, there is evidence associated with faith where there is not with hope.

Now faith is...

Faith goes further than hope. (Hope being something that is coming, hope ignites our imagination to conceive a belief that later develops into faith.)

Faith is something we have now, not something we are waiting for.

A simple definition of faith is 'trusting confidence.' The understanding that whatever is in the Word of God is ours for the taking, and we have the confidence to step out on those promises and act according to them. What is your definition of faith?

What faith is to me...

Write here what you think it means to be in faith.

Characteristics of faith...

Faith is Powerful

1 John 5:4-5

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Faith does not consider the alternative

Hebrews 11:11 (Amp)

Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word.

Romans 1:17

"The just shall live by faith." Believers are meant to live by faith!

Hebrews 11:6

It is impossible to please God without faith.

Deuteronomy 32:20

And He said: 'I will hide My face from them; I will **see** what their end will be, for they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no **faith...**'

People perish without faith.

Hebrews 6:12

...that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

We inherit promises of God through faith. Grace has supplied all we need for life on earth; faith is God's vehicle by which we receive those promises.

Faith can be: seen

This can either be a spiritual sight or a physical sight. On several occasions Jesus 'saw' faith in the people He met.

Matthew 9:2 & Luke 5:17-25— The man with the palsy and his friends; Jesus 'saw their faith.' The man had to have faith to allow his friends to lower him in through the roof and to even attempt to get up off his bed.

Acts 14:9-10— Paul 'saw the man had faith to be healed.'

We can see faith through: actions

Matthew 8:13— "Go your way; and as you have believed so let it be done for you." The ten lepers were healed as they went. Naaman was healed as he followed the Prophet's instructions to wash in the river seven times.

Noah— This man built an ark according to the word of God, despite seeing no rain. He took the word of God as the evidence he needed to start out on a project that by the world's standards was crazy, yet it was the salvation of mankind.

Faith can be: heard

A person's speech is often the first indicator of their faith. Out of the abundance of their heart the mouth speaks. This is also an indicator of their unbelief!

Romans 10:17– *'Faith comes by hearing'*

This chapter relates to the sharing of the real gospel, not the recital of a magic word! When people hear the truth about healing/salvation etc, faith will arise for them to receive. In the original Greek, the word 'hearing' means preach, in the dictionary, preach means declaration. So we could say: faith comes by declaration, declaration by the word of God. By hearing the word of God, faith rises. We believe, therefore we speak. We do not speak in order for us to believe.

2 Corinthians 4:13– *And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.*

Mark 11:22-23– You can only have what you are prepared to say.

2 Kings 4– In this chapter the Shunamite woman's son dies. He was a gift from God, born by a miracle. Despite seeing that her son was dead, this mother would not confess the physical situation - she only spoke positively and set her faith over her son until she saw the situation change!

Faith can be: felt

Much like with our physical senses, faith can be felt often as a rising up of boldness on the inside of a person in times of danger, crisis, or in order to take authority over a situation that is contrary to God's word. (Example: raising from the dead and healing.)

Faith will show in a person's emotions. People who live by their faith are constantly in communication with Him and therefore tend to be happier, healthier and more confident, positive people. They are above the circumstances of life, not under them. This is not to say that life is easy, just that people of faith respond differently and rise above life's challenges because they believe God.

Mark 9:23– *Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

Faith is also tangible and can be transferred to prayer cloths as in **Acts 19:11-12**. (Unusual miracles by Paul) - The natural mind has a hard time understanding this!

There is peace in faith - a confidence

When a person is truly convinced that God is acting on their behalf, there is a perfect peace that surpasses all understanding. There is no turmoil, anxiety or fear, but a quiet confidence.

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

When people run around sharing their problems with all who will listen, receiving prayer for the same issue repeatedly, does that sound or look like a person who is in faith?

Key principles of healing

Faith is how we get what is in our spirit to manifest in our bodies by trusting in the finished work of the Cross. The provision for our healing was in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. We aren't waiting on God to do anything else to heal us. We receive healing by faith, in the same way we receive salvation. You can't be a little bit saved, either you are or not, it is the same principle with healing.

So healing has been provided for us and we must respond in faith to receive that provision, but how?

We follow the example of Jesus. Jesus taught the disciples to speak to their mountain and take authority over it. Today it is Jesus who lives in us, and He has given us the power and authority to overcome sickness and disease. Seeing that the world was created with words and that the power of life and death are in the tongue, it stands to reason that by our words we overcome. When Jesus said speak to your mountain, he meant it!

Mark 11:22-24

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them..."

A Better Way to Pray!

Many people beg and plead with God to do something for them that He has already done then wonder why they don't see anything. Asking God to heal us when He already did His part will lead to confusion and disappointment. Taking Jesus' example of prayer is a hundred times more fruitful. He must have known what He was doing! Here are some scriptural examples:

Mark 1:25

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

Luke 4:39

So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

Luke 8:54

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

Mark 5:34

And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

Mark 2:11 - "... I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

These are just a few examples. The point is that we should model our prayers to be more like that of our Saviour. His prayers were always effective and surprisingly concise. Jesus did not ask God to come down and fix anything. He did not pray 'if it be thy will,' because He knew what the will of God was in healing. He spoke directly to the issue with authority. It is this same authority which He put back into our hands at the cross.

By Proxy Prayers

Often people will ask us to pray in agreement for a third party. It is important to understand that we come into agreement with a person's will, not against it. We cannot agree that a person will fall in love with them, leave their spouse; pray for healing on behalf of a person that does not want to be healed, or make a person receive salvation.

We have authority over sickness and disease of every kind

Mankind was given the right to rule and reign over the earth from the very beginning.

Genesis 1:28– 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.”

Psalms 115:16– The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

At the *fall*, man gave his authority to Satan. The death and resurrection of Jesus reversed this status as God Almighty took up residence on the inside of His children through the person of the Holy Spirit. Once and for all the authority over the World was given back to mankind. This is not a power of our own, but that of Him who works through us. This is an awesome responsibility that we have as Children of God. Scripture shows how we have the right, and dominion to take authority over all the works of the enemy with supernatural and miracle working power!

Matthew 10:1 & 8

¹And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them **power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

‘**power**’ in the Greek is ‘*exousia*’ (1849) – translated means dominion, right to govern, jurisdiction, supernatural power and authority.

Luke 10:18-19– ‘**power**’ is the word ‘*exousia*’ again.

¹⁸And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the **authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you...”

Luke 9:1-2

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them **power** and **authority** over all demons, and to cure diseases. ² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

‘**power**’ is the Greek word ‘*dynamis*’ (1411) – this means miracle working power. It is also the word that we derive *dynamite* from!

If a person does not understand their authority in Christ, they will not exercise it. Know your authority, believe it, and use it! Sickness is just a symptom of Satan trying to trespass in our lives and he has no rights unless we allow him access. The only way we can get sick is if we agree to receive it.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you.

This is an interesting verse. Many Christians willingly submit themselves to God but they struggle with the middle of the verse, and still expect Satan to flee! Let us look at this like a simple equation:

Submit to God + Resist the devil = Devil will flee

Resist is not the same as ignore, or plead or hope or expect! Resist is a verb, it involves action on our part. From the original text we can see that ‘resist’ means to set one's self against, to withstand, or oppose (Strong's 436). It is the same word used when Paul describes us putting on the whole armour of God.

Ephesians 6:13 (KJV)

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able **to withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

So how do we resist the devil?

Scripture makes our response to challenges an obvious one. Death and life are in the power of our tongue. This is how we use our God given authority to stand against anything that is not of God.

Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)

Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

With our words we condemn (find guilty) the plans of the enemy, thereby resisting him. He has no choice but to flee because victory is every Believer's guarantee.

Isaiah 54:17 (KJV)

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world!

Satan is a defeated enemy. We have already overcome him in Christ. The moment a Believer realizes that Satan is trying to trespass in their body the game is over. The only power that sickness has in our body is the power we allow it to have. It is merely a weapon formed against us that cannot prosper once we recognize it and withstand, resist or oppose it.

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV)

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins...

The reason believers can be so sure of their victory over the enemy lies in their family tree! The first chapters of Colossians and Ephesians explain how at salvation we are adopted into God's family. We are no longer the property of Satan, but we have a new identity as Children of God. Therefore we have inherited the

kingdom of God, and all principalities and powers of this World are now under our feet because they are under Jesus' feet, and Jesus lives in us!

Christians are not weak, feeble believers who must endure life in this world like everyone else, and just hang on with the hope of heaven after they die. No! They have the power of the entire kingdom of heaven living on the inside of them. That is more than enough power to raise the dead, heal the sick, cast out demons, pay the rent, and overcome depression!

1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

The devil roams around as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. In other words, whoever will allow him to destroy them! He is a lion imitator, slinking about, a low life fraud. It is time to stand up, get up, grow up and recognize that as Christians the victory is ours.

Matthew 11:12 (KJV)

'...the violent take it by force.' Jesus explains how the Kingdom of Heaven is for those who are violently resolved to pursue it. Let us use our kick-butt faith on life's circumstances and take back what the enemy has been allowed to steal!

Know what you believe about healing, settle it in your heart, and be effective in ministry

We minister to others out of the overflow of our relationship with God.

Question: How far are you willing to believe God for healing?

Are there areas in your life where you could trust God more?

Decide: To believe the Word, confess the Word, do not fear, harness your emotions, take captive negative thoughts, and plan for the best.

Start with Yourself!

Can you minister healing to a person if you are dealing with a physical issue yourself? Yes.

Jesus is the healer not us, if God can use a donkey He can use you! However, it is hard to give away something that you are not convinced about yourself. Healing is a revelation that we need as much as anyone whom we minister to. So let's start with us.

1. Healing is a fruit of our relationship with Him – We can't have fruit without the root. By seeking the Healer, we find the healing. God, through relationship has provided our healing.

2 Peter 1:3-4

'...as His divine power **has given to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**'

2. Be honest with yourself – know to what extent you can believe God right now. Only by being honest with ourselves will we discover how far we are willing to trust God with our lives.

3. Prepare in peace for times of war – Practice using your faith on your own body. Start with everyday grumbles, aches, pains and colds. Even David fought the lion and the bear before he fought Goliath. Gaining victories in these areas will use the faith you have and help you to grow in confidence when ministering to others.
4. Speak to the mountain swiftly – It is important to act swiftly, taking authority over minor symptoms before they escalate. Why give the enemy a foothold? It is easier for our hearts to believe the word when a situation first arises rather than down the line when unbelief creeps in. Fear mounts up over time if we entertain it, but we have the ability to identify it and eliminate it with the truth of God's word.

Jeremiah 1:4-13

Do not say ...you shall speak.

*Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵“ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me: “ **Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’** For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, **you shall speak.** ⁸ **Do not be afraid** of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.” ¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, **what do you see?**” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” ¹² Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.” ¹³ And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, “**What do you see?**”*

This passage shows clearly that what we say is very important. At times we need to hold our tongue to stop us spewing words of unbelief. Other times it is the words of life that we confess which changes the situation.

5. Spot condemnation and fear – The only weapon Satan has is deception. He will try to convince you that you are sick, that it's God's will, that God could heal you, but you don't deserve it, or that you are the reason that you are sick. If you take a headache pill then you can't be in faith, so again, it's all your fault. Condemnation is never from God. We are practicing with faith like doctors practice with medicine! We will not do things perfectly and that is why we need Jesus!

Jeremiah 1:8– Do not be afraid... I am with you...

6. Guard your tongue – Simply changing our speech will have an impact. Refuse to focus your words on the problem by confessing every symptom 'oh I think I'm coming down with something'. Speak *only* what the Word says about the situation.
7. Weed the garden of your heart – Part of living in a fallen world means that we all have plenty of opportunity to exercise walking in the Spirit rather than the flesh! Words are the major culprit of unbelief, fear, condemnation, guilt, offense, and self doubt, to name a few. The truth is that we have to receive these words into our heart and dwell on them for them to have any power in our lives. It is much easier to identify these offenses, etc., and cast them down before they grow into trees! An effective way to do this is to visualise yourself pulling out the seeds that these words try to plant before they grow roots and develop into trees! This mental exercise can really help to bring spiritual concepts into the here and now.
8. The Power of your imagination

Jeremiah 1:11 & 13

What do you see, what do you see?

Our ability to see spiritually is important in the area of healing. Primarily because we are connecting our brains to the reality of what we already have in our spirit. We know that our spirit is 100% healed even though our body is not. In order to see our bodies restored we must accept the truth in that we cannot see physically. To change the picture on the outside we must first change the picture on the inside then, our feelings will follow our thoughts. The first chapter of James explains this clearly. As previously discussed many people who have been sick a long time struggle to see their

selves as healed because they are still identifying with the sickness they see in their body rather than with their healthy spirit.

'Where there is no vision, the people perish...' **Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**

Aside from seeing yourself as a healthy person there is a point at which that healing needs to become now, not out there in the future. A way to connect our brains to the spiritual being now, is to use our imagination; actually picturing in our minds the healing process happening as we pray. That maybe: visualising warm oil flowing through the body, imagining pain lifting off of the body, switching off sickness, tumors shrinking, and the ear canals opening up. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is happening when you pray.

9. Don't limit God

We can limit God by thinking 'something' can only manifest in a particular way. God has hundreds of ways of getting through to us if we are open to Him. Many people believe they receive healing by gradually getting better, so that is how it happens. The truth is that we can receive our healing instantaneously if we are willing to believe it.

10. Expect change regardless of past results

Our past experiences will dictate our future if we let it. You may have received prayer a thousand times and seen nothing, so what?

Hebrews 11:1 says, 'Now faith is...!' Paul tells us to forget those things that are behind and press on to what lies ahead. That is good advice!

Ministering to others

1. First impressions make a difference!

Personal hygiene: Fresh breath is always a good start! A packet of mints should be part of your standard equipment along with your Bible!

Please come to each meeting ready to minister with excellence. This means being clean and presentable. We would like you to smell wonderful, however please avoid overpowering perfumes as this can be an irritant for sensitive people.

Dress: Appropriate dress is not revealing, transparent or overly tight. It is modest and professional. While we are ministering to the flesh we do not desire to look upon too much of it!

2. Introductions

Introduce yourself, share your name, smile, and be warm and friendly. Ask them their name and remember it! People coming for prayer may be nervous. Remember you are a stranger with whom they are about to share personal information. Your welcome can make them feel relaxed, and they will receive more easily.

3. Never assume what a person wants prayer for

Ask them what they want prayer for because this is where their faith is.

Ask open ended questions such as: How can I help you today? What are you believing for? How long have you been suffering with this condition?

Then, Listen carefully.

4. Find out what people are believing for

Matthew 8:13

What do you believe will happen when we pray?

They receive according to how they believe. **Instant Healing vs. Progressive Healing**

Luke 8:41 (KJV)

Jesus could have said the word and Jairus' daughter would be healed- but Jairus believed that Jesus would heal her when he came to his house- Jesus met him where his faith was.

5. Don't give unbelief a voice – Some people come with a grocery list of problems. It is not helpful for a person to go into every detail. As a minister you are trying to create an atmosphere of faith so you don't need to hear

all of the unbelief and neither do they. The Holy Spirit knows exactly what the problem is so find out the one thing they can believe for right now, and start there.

6. **Listen**: this is the key! – As you minister, *listen to the Holy Spirit*, He will guide you. Praying in tongues is very helpful, but be sensitive as not everyone prays in tongues. Also *listen to what their heart is saying*, read between the lines.
7. **See the person, not the problem** – Everyone is different, love people and show compassion, ask the Lord to help you to see each person how He sees them- they are not as just a list of problems.
8. **Learn to spot fear** – Apply the word, bring the fear to light, be confident and squash it. Fear is the enemy of faith. By communicating the love of God, that perfect love will cast out the fear. Fear is an emotion that we can help that person take captive in their minds and overcome.
9. **Teach them what the Word says; give a scripture(s) to stand on. Knowing it is God's will to heal alone is not enough. Like salvation, healing needs to be received by faith.** We need to know that it is God's will to heal, and then respond in faith, speaking what the Word says.

Luke 8:43-48

This was the woman with the issue of blood, many in the crowd touched Jesus, but only she was healed. Even though as we have seen, it was always Jesus' will to heal. God's willingness is not the only factor here, but our response to that willingness. It is the prayer of faith that saves the sick. Many pray for healing and not all are healed. It is faith that makes the difference.

10. **Have an 'it's easy for Jesus' attitude** – When we magnify God, we magnify faith. In the light of the answer, the problem shrinks. You may be the first person to ever tell someone that they can be healed today.
11. **Be bold** – Speak words of faith. We can be confident in the promises of God. God is not worrying about how to fulfil your prayers!

12. Win a victory in one area first

This opens the floodgates for everything else. Pain is something that speaks loud on the inside of a person. It is very tangible and because of that it is obvious when it's gone.

13. Guard your tongue – Have Patience.

Hebrews 6:11-12

*¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.***

When Jesus cursed the fig tree He knew that immediately His words went into action, but the disciples did not know that until they saw the tree wither from the inside out, about 24 hours later. We walk by faith not by sight, don't counteract words faith with words of unbelief. Believe for the instant healing every-time, but a gradual healing will still get the job done! Encourage those that do not see an immediate difference that the Word is working on the inside of them.

14. Don't limit God

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...

...His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine...
(CEV)

God is able to do more than we ask or even imagine if we will just believe Him. Our small thinking or believing that healing can only happen in a certain way can hinder the things He wants to show us.

Faith without works is dead. It is helpful to ask them to do something they couldn't do before you prayed, like stand, bend or stretch.

James 2:20

But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

15. Ask them if they are born again, and then lead them in salvation, if they are not. See Prayer for Salvation on *page 59*.
16. Ask them if they are baptised in the Holy Spirit. People need the power of the Holy Spirit to remain healthy. If they are not, we can pray for this on the prayer line too. See *page 60* for prayer to receive the Baptism.
17. Give them homework – Sometimes it is appropriate to give people a scripture to meditate on. Teach them about their authority to speak to symptoms, they will need it for those times when there is no-one around to pray with them.

Ministering to children

18. Children, especially young ones, do not have as much of unbelief that adults do and often receive easily. It is important also to minister to the parents, as they will be the ones believing for their children when you are not there.
19. Involve the child as much as possible to pray with you; little ones love to say, “Amen” in agreement, at the end. Explain what is happening to the child at their level of understanding. Share Jesus with them and teach them how to use their authority.
20. Be sensitive, gentle, friendly, have fun and smile. Getting down on the same level of a child makes you much less intimidating – *kneel down if needed*.
21. Always pray with a child's parents in view; never go off with the child alone to pray.

Reasons why people struggle to receive their healing

Listed here are some of the more common issues that we encounter on a prayer line. It is not intended to be exhaustive or used as a method by which we 'diagnose' people. It is not our role to counsel people or be the Holy Spirit for them.

1. They **quit** too soon, before they see physical results.

Typically people will look to their body to tell them if they are healed. If they do not see an instant difference they may be discouraged and think that the prayer has not worked. Here it is important to encourage people with the Word, to teach them how to guard their tongue and not dig up the seed that your prayer just planted!

2. **Fear**

Fear is the enemy of faith. People fear different things: fear of the condition, of the pain, of the symptoms, of death, of poverty from the withdrawal of benefits if they are healed, of the loss of their identity as a sick person (sickness can fulfil a person's need for attention) fear of change and new responsibilities they may have as a well person, insecurity- they don't feel worthy (fear of God through wrong teaching, etc.), fear of rejection of others if they stand in faith (pressure from family to follow medical advice, or of disappointing their doctors.)

3. **Emotional/worldly issues**

These people are so in tune with their emotions that they can't separate their feelings and see the Word of God as the truth. These are the broken hearted. Reality to them is the five senses and the world around them. They confess every negative emotion and symptom. (***Proverbs 23:7– For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.***) They are constantly sowing seeds of death, are often depressed people and very needy. They will want to tell you for hours how bad their life is. They are self-centred. They are carnal and come to God with a grocery list of problems. They are unthankful for what they do have. They may have long standing, deep rooted heart issues that could take time to work through.

4. **Generational curses**

2 Corinthians 5:17– *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.*

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree..."

The generational curse that some obsess over is often a learned pattern of behaviour e.g. alcoholism, child abuse, teenage pregnancy, hereditary or genetic medical conditions, are all examples of conditions that pass down through generations.

Demonic influences can operate in generations of unbelievers, as they are choosing to live under the kingdom of darkness. This can also impede believers if they allow it to. Believers are redeemed from the curse, but curses will have an effect if people empower them by believing in them. They can only continue in a believer's life with permission or through ignorance of their existence. E.g. Spirit of infirmity.

All of these issues can be resolved by renewing of the mind to truth, taking authority over the effects of that curse by receiving healing, and denying its continuation. See **James 4:7**.

5. Unbelief

Unbelief, or simply doubting God's promises, can come from many sources.

Natural unbelief

What people see, hear, taste, smell, and feel is more real to them than what the Word says. An example of this can be found in Mark 9:17-25 with the story of epileptic boy and the disciples. The boy's father had natural unbelief simply because for years he had witnessed his child suffering with dramatic seizures. Anyone who has ever seen a person having a seizure will know how visually disturbing it can be for onlookers. Not only that, but a chronic condition will often demand that life alters to accommodate it. The father explains all the dangers that the child has had to be rescued from. These things would have compounded a person's natural unbelief, having a constant visual reminder of the problem.

Wrong doctrine, ignorance, religion and legalism; each of these thought processes hinder a person's relationship with the Lord, misinterpret scripture and form judgements about God regarding what He can and will do for him or her. A lot of

people do not have a real understanding of the Word for themselves. The knowledge they do have is often head knowledge.

Hebrews 4:2

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

The Word not mixed with faith does not profit anything. Head knowledge of the Word will only become beneficial as the Holy Spirit reveals it to a person through their relationship with Jesus.

6. Hard heart

A person's heart can become hardened towards the Lord through a number of different ways: unbelief, disobedience, disappointment, hatred, unforgiveness, envies and strife— where these are present there is every evil work.

James 3:16

For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

This happens over a period of time. The Bible describes this as their heart being waxed gross, as with layers of candle wax. A hardened heart hinders how people receive from the Lord. This often presents itself in people as unthankfulness, scepticism, negativity, anger, resentment, or rebellion. They find it difficult to experience joy, and gravitate towards the negative even in a positive situation.

7. Identity/ trust issues

Identity issues cause people to misunderstand the true nature of God. They see their relationship with God on the same level as their relationship with people. They may have difficulty trusting God as they have been hurt by people in the past. They may struggle to relate to God as father, they are often independent, self-reliant and closed people who are scared to be vulnerable. They may have a negative self image and find receiving from God difficult, including receiving love. For healing to take place they have to be willing to let go of how they see themselves, and embrace the truth of God's Word which is not based on their feelings or experience. This is their new identity as a child of God. Many people who struggle to receive healing are also struggling to receive God's love. They are unaware of the power they have on the inside of them or how to operate in faith.

8. Long-term sickness

When people have been sick for a long time, many parts of their life and thinking are affected. Family dynamics, finances, decision making, household responsibilities and daily life all change as a person learns to live with a chronic condition. The sickness creates for them a new identity, and their life adapts to accommodate the symptoms. It may be difficult for them to remember being well, receiving healing will result in a life style change and there may be fear associated with that.

They may have been prayed for many times without seeing results, and their hearts have become disappointed. In order to raise their expectation and stir their faith, teaching is required. Many people turn inward, blaming themselves for the sickness or inability to receive healing, and even withdraw from God hoping to avoid further disappointment.

9. Mental illness

Often those affected with a brain mal-functioning condition come for prayer accompanied by friends or relatives. It is important to minister to the caregivers as well as the individual. As far as healing is concerned, this type of condition is no different from any other health issue. We have seen several people healed of Autism, some instantly and some gradually. Memory loss, Alzheimer's, dementia, confusion, depression and addictions are common problems where we have experienced good results. The simple truth is that we are able to control our thoughts and emotions and this can be life changing. The Word says that we have the mind of Christ, the Holy Spirit teaches us all things and brings things back to our remembrance the Word we have heard and we do not have a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. God is not the author of confusion. The Word of God works.

10. Demonic influence

Often people approach the prayer line believing that they need deliverance. They may describe how they have a demon that makes them behave strangely or experience a 'manifestation' they cannot control. While demons are real they are not everywhere! As believers, we can control everything that our body does; self-control is a fruit of the Spirit. Many of these people have seen manifestations that they believe are demonic, or have heard wrong teaching in this area - they are

simply deceived. Teaching them how to control their emotions, using their authority over symptoms and taking responsibility for their actions typically resolves the problem. Renewing the mind is the key if people are to see a lasting difference.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Some examples of demonic influences are: a spirit of suicide, a spirit of infirmity, spirit of lust, Jezebel spirit (very controlling and manipulative.) All spirits enter a person's life through a doorway or invitation, for example: incest, occult involvement, violence, pornography, drug/alcohol abuse, abandonment, and unforgiveness. All can be resolved by using our authority as believers. We do not converse with demons or ask them their name. We command them to be quiet and come out. Satan comes to steal the Word and cause disruption. Ministers should take charge of any such disruption swiftly and quietly.

All of the issues above can and have been overcome by the Word

Philippians 2:10

...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth...

Technical pointers

We are not counsellors– There is only one Holy Spirit, and we are not Him! The role of a prayer minister is to minister the love of God, and share the Word with people. It is not to give advice, direction or counsel. **Therefore we never diagnose conditions, advice on how to treat them or suggest that people stop taking medication.** We do not coerce people into performing physical actions that could cause harm; we do not pull, push, poke or stretch any part of a person.

Confidentiality– As prayer ministers we have been given a position of trust. Those in our care deserve to have their privacy respected. Information shared between the two parties should be handled with discretion. Exceptions to this are criminal activity that has not been reported, or intent to commit suicide or a crime. For example: a person confesses to abusing a child or explains that they are planning their death that evening. These matters should be shared with your leaders for the protection of all involved.

Personal information– We do not recommend that a prayer minister ever give their personal information out on a prayer line. Many people we meet are in a crisis, but it is important to remember that we are not their saviour. For further help they can call the ministry prayer line 719.635.1111 or access the website: www.awmi.net. We do not advise that you agree to go and pray for a person at a location outside of, or away from the public meeting room; this is for your own protection.

Modesty cloths– These cloths should be located up front near the prayer line and used to protect a person's dignity should they lie down on the floor under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Be appropriate– It is fine to pray for a person of the opposite sex as long as you are in a public area. There may be occasions where you sense that they would be more comfortable speaking to a person of the same sex or that the subject is making you feel uncomfortable. If this happens feel free to ask another prayer minister to help. Examples of this maybe if a lady is praying with a male prayer minister and she has come because she is dealing with a history of abuse, she may prefer to pray with a female. Or a man comes for pray for a pornography issue and is embarrassed to discuss this with a woman.

Laying on of hands– We do not lay hands on anyone hastily. Ask permission of the person before laying your hands on them. Do so with gentleness and respect, and obviously avoiding personal areas.

Catching– It is not necessary for a prayer minister to attempt to catch a person who maybe falling to the ground under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will take care of them. By trying to catch them you could injure yourself. Once the person is lying on the floor, ensure their dignity with a modesty cloth if needed and then minister to next person in line. It is not necessary to continue praying for a person who is obviously laid out under the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has it under control.

Disruptions– If manifestations become loud and disruptive, call for assistance to move the situation away from the crowd, and take your authority over it. Prayer ministers do not need to be shouting at ‘demons.’ If at any time you feel out of your depth, call your leaders for help.

Prayer for Salvation

Occasionally we have the privilege of leading a person to Christ, and it is important that every prayer minister be equipped to do this. Salvation is a free gift available for all who respond. By His grace, God has already done everything to provide salvation. Our part is simply to believe and receive.

“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. – Romans 10:9–10 & 13 (KJV)

There is no set way to pray a prayer of Salvation, but here is an example that you may like to refer to:

Have the person pray out loud: ***Jesus, I confess that You are my Lord and Savior. I believe in my heart that God raised You from the dead. By faith in Your Word, I receive salvation now. Thank You for saving me!***

Please ensure that all new believers receive a free copy of “The New You and the Holy Spirit” by Andrew Wommack. Keeping a supply of these books would be advisable.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

As His children, our loving heavenly Father wants to give us the supernatural power we need to live this new life. In order to remain in health we need the Power of the Holy Spirit.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened... If ye...know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luke 11:10,13 - KJV)

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24 - KJV)

All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive!

An example of a prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Pray, Father, I recognize my need for Your power to live this new life. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive Him right now! Thank You for baptizing me. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in my life.

As you pray in tongues, encourage them to start praying in theirs. Please ensure that all those you pray with to receive the Holy Spirit receive a free copy of “The New You and the Holy Spirit” by Andrew Wommack. It would be advisable to have these available.

Let them know that some syllables from a language you don’t recognize will rise up from your heart to your mouth (**1 Corinthians 14:14**) and that as you speak them out loud by faith, you’re releasing God’s power from within and building yourself up in your spirit. (**1 Corinthians 14:4**)

Let them know that they can speak in tongues whenever they want to.

Praise Report:



‘The Following Are Actual Praise Reports from People who have been ministered to through The Healing School’

We wanted to share a few of the many with you to give glory to God, and to help encourage you in your healing journey. We are so grateful for the finished work of Jesus!

Praise Report:



“Healed from Sleep Apnea”

For nine years I suffered with Sleep Apnea. This is a condition that causes you to stop breathing in your sleep. Every night I had to be attached to a breathing machine to prevent this from happening. It caused me to lack energy and feel very tired all the time.

I had received prayer many times without seeing any change. The teaching at Healing school helped me face my own unbelief and realize that I myself needed to believe.

As a step of faith I returned the breathing machine.

I am healed! I sleep better now than I did before, I have more energy, and I didn't stop breathing!

I am learning how to trust God more with everything, my health and provision.

Anna, CBC Student

Praise Report:



“Holy Spirit Knee replacement!”

I had problems with my knees for years, and had not been able to bend down onto my knees for about a decade. Three years ago I had surgery to replace my left knee, however this was unsuccessful.

During the ministry at Healing school I received a miraculous healing! I was able to kneel down on the floor and worship for the first time in years!

Thank you Jesus!

Cecile, Visitor

Praise Report:



“My leg grew out!”

In Nov 2011 I fell and broke my leg. I had to have a cast and use a wheelchair while it healed.

Unfortunately I was left with one leg shorter than the other, which caused me to limp.

I received prayer for my leg to grow out to its regular length, and it did instantly!

Now I can walk normally again, I am healed!

Cynthia, CBC Student

Praise Report:



“30 year long condition healed!!”

A man came forward for prayer for a digestive condition that he'd suffered with for 30 years. It caused him pain and discomfort and dictated what he could eat.

After the teaching that he had heard that week he gained a revelation in the area of healing and knew that it was for him.

As the prayer minister prayed for him he felt the power of God moving through his body healing him. He had suffered with this condition for many years and finally was free!

Visitor to SFBC

Praise Report:



“Spinal column healed!”

I had been suffering with long standing spinal problems which affected my back, neck and hips causing pain.

My neck was straight where it should have had a curve, my hips were tipped and my mid back was out of alignment.

After prayer at Healing school the Lord healed my entire spinal column, including the surrounding muscles, and all of the pain left!

I am healed!

Kathy, Visitor

Praise Report:



“Painful Knee condition instantly healed!”

I injured my right knee a while ago and had surgery on it in June 2011. Since then I had been receiving physical therapy and cartilage replacement injections.

During the teaching I began to see myself as healed in my mind. I was volunteering that day as an usher. As I started walking to the front to help with the Prayer ministry line, I heard a word of knowledge called out that someone was being healed in their knee.

I felt my spirit leap inside of me and all the pain in my knee left. I knew I was healed and ran up and down testing out my new knee!

Praise God!

Mike Zlinsky, CBC Student

Praise Report:



“Spinal column healed!”

I had been suffering with long standing spinal problems which affected my back, neck and hips causing pain.

My neck was straight where it should have

From August I started attending Healing school regularly. The severe pain that was in my hip, knee and ankle left while I was reading the Word!

When I returned to the Doctor he examined my knee and found that my ligaments had elasticity and all the bones are back in place!

Praise God, Thank you Jesus !

Pat, Visitor

Praise Report:



“We moved here so that I could attend Healing School!”

After three years of rapidly declining health that left me confined to my couch or walker, I decided to move. After seeking the Lord and finding direction, my family moved with me so that I could attend Healing School each week.

I have been coming to healing school for two months now. At first the pain was so bad that I had to make the choice to come to Healing school or I knew that I would end up in the ER.

Within a week of receiving prayer, the pain improved so much that I no longer needed to use a walker!

Since then I have returned to work and just keep getting better. Step by step I do what I can do, and Jesus does what I can not.

Praise God!

Redmond, Visitor

Praise Report:



“I almost bleed to death three times”

I was diagnosed with Diabetic Sclorosis last June. My blood results were abnormal and I was rushed to hospital several times as I nearly bleed to death on three occasions.

I began attending Healing and my faith started to build. I was encouraged and received prayer many times from the ministers.

I went for my blood test in December and the abnormalities in my blood did not show up, my blood is normal again!

Praise God, Thank you Jesus !

Richard Bishop, Visitor

Praise Report:



“Heart condition healed and confirmed”

I had considered not registering for CBC after being diagnosed with a heart condition by my cardiologist. I had a 98% chance of a coronary blockage and was scheduled for surgery.

As a step of faith I did register for CBC and attended Healing School. They anointed me with oil and prayed.

Almost immediately I had more energy. I increased my exercise regime and returned to the doctor for a nuclear stress test. The tests showed that my heart was healthy and none of the previous problems were present.

Thanks be to God!

Rolland, CBC Student

Praise Report:



“I came with a cast and left without it!”

On Feb 24th 2012 I fell on the ice and shattered my fibula. The x-rays showed that I would need surgery to pin the bones back together. I went home with it in a cast awaiting surgery and spent the week speaking God’s word over my ankle. Another x-ray a week later showed the bones had realigned and surgery was no longer necessary!

I was still in the wheelchair with a cast on my ankle, and looking at up to 3 months of recovery. The pain was severe when I decided to attend Healing School and expect my healing, I had my tennis shoes with me in preparation!

After prayer the pain and swelling left my ankle. I asked for help to remove the cast then and there. My ankle was totally healed! I am walking again no need for a wheelchair!

Tannera, Student

Praise Report:



Confirmed by the Chiropractor!

Nine years ago I was involved in a car accident. Since the accident I have suffered from pain in my back, neck and leg.

I came to the CBC Healing School for prayer. The prayer minister who prayed with me was very kind and compassionate.

I felt the pain start to leave and peace came over me.

I returned to the chiropractor and he confirmed that my back and neck are now aligned where normally they are out of place and causing pain!

Praise the Lord.

Barbara, Visitor

Praise Report:



'Healed after 7 years of suffering!'

For seven years I had suffered with a urinary disease. I had been taking 21 pills every week to combat the symptoms.

Finally I received prayer for this condition at Healing School. Since then, I have been so well that I was able to reduce my medication by 90% over the course of a week!

I came for prayer a second time and fully expect to be able to stop the medication altogether as I will no longer need it!

Praise the Lord!

Bryan, Visitor

Praise Report:



'Tumor left like a popped balloon!'

My husband had been diagnosed with a large tumor.

He went forward for prayer for the lump and watched as 'God took it away as if it were a balloon being popped'!

The tumor left and now he is walking in complete and divine health.

Praise the Lord!

Michele, CBC Student

Praise Report:



‘Arthritis healed!’

I had surgery on my left knee in Dec, and was still experiencing pain and swelling.

The Arthritis was making walking normally very difficult.

After Healing School I went forward for prayer, and felt like I received God’s love.

The pain left my knee, I started walking again, and there was still no pain!

I am healed!

Thank you Lord!

Cheeye, Visitor

Praise Report:



**‘10 years of chronic pain,
now it is gone!’**

I was suffering from pain in my right hip and back. I’d been in severe pain for 10 years. I could hardly walk. It was so bad that I wasn’t going to come to healing school this week, but the Lord told me that I should go.

I sat on the edge of the stage as the prayer ministers prayed for me. When I stood up I realized that all the pain had gone, I was completely healed!

After prayer I was able to walk around and bend without any pain or difficulty!

Thank you Lord!

Cheryl, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Walking away from Cancer’

I was a part time night student when cancer hit me in Oct 2009. Being a nurse, and having had both parents die from Cancer, I knew that my faith was not where it needed to be for me to receive healing. I had surgery to remove cancer in my uterus, only to have it return in both lungs and my groin shortly after. By Nov I realized that I had to make a change, and dig deeper into my relationship with God. I began fulltime at CBC that month.

Through many physical battles and chronic pain, the Word of God being taught to me started to spring forth. I had learned to use my authority and stand on the Word.

Each day, with each symptom, I spoke the word and used it like a hammer to attack Satan! The Word works!

Each day I got better and better. Now the Cancer has gone, it had no choice but to leave!

Cinda, 1st Year CBC Student

Praise Report:



Healed from Diabetes!

At the very first healing school on Jan 27th 2011, I was healed from insulin diabetes!

The intern prayed for me and told me to read Romans 8v26. I was not sure how to pray until she suggested that I use the Holy Spirit like a shot of insulin. We believed together that I would see a progressive healing.

That night I took my 'Holy Spirit shot' instead of my regular insulin, and my blood sugar began to dramatically decrease.

Now my blood sugar is perfectly normal, the Holy Spirit was more effective than any man made insulin could have been!

This is what is so awesome about healing school: the Intern gave me a word from God that became revelation to me. Before, I'd prayed and taken my authority but not seen any change. The Word made the difference and I received my healing! Darla, 2nd Yr. CBC Student

Praise Report:



‘The growth disintegrated in my hand!’

I’d had a suspicious growth on my neck for over 20 years. It had recently turned black and was growing larger and more robust.

I had prayer for it on Thursday at Healing School and they commanded it to die in the name of Jesus.

On Friday morning I noticed that it looked different. As I felt it with my finger it began to crumble. It totally disintegrated and is completely gone. The skin underneath is perfect!

To God be the glory!

Darlene, Visitor

Praise Report:



'I received a physical overhaul!'

I was suffering from pain in my back and leg, lung and heart disease and diabetes.

The prayer ministers prayed for me and as they laid hands on my leg, I felt heat spread up my leg and throughout my whole body.

All the pain left! I feel completely whole and healed, it is just like I have had a physical overhaul.

Thank you Lord!

Dick, Visitor

Praise Report:



“I am 100% healed!!”

I came to Healing school with a severe hearing loss in my right ear, Hypoglycemia, and Acid Reflux Syndrome.

The hearing loss was so bad that I couldn't hear my cell phone or alarm clock ringing. The Hypoglycemia caused headaches and confusion. Acid Reflux restricted my diet and left my Throat constantly hoarse as acid burned my digestive tract.

I received prayer for all these things and felt warmth within me. A few minutes later I realized that I could hear everything! I knew I was healed. I stopped taking the acid reflux medication and have been eating whatever I like without any problems.

After the meeting I checked my blood sugar levels and they are better than normal, they are excellent!

All the praise and glory be to Jesus!

Drewrome, CBC Student

Praise Report:



“Speech restored!!”

James suffered from a breathing blockage that resulted in a speech impediment. James is 70 years old, and has been unable to speak clearly since childhood.

His desire to share the Gospel has been plagued by his fear of not being able to communicate, so he has shyed away from people. Even speech therapy failed to resolve his condition.

After receiving prayer at Healing School James is now able to speak unhindered and breathe easily, he says he is looking forward to sharing his testimony!

James, 70 years old

Praise Report:



‘Broken ankle healed!’

I broke my ankle in three places a few months ago. It was a bad break that required surgery to insert metal rods and screws in my bones to hold it all together. I came to Healing School in a wheelchair with a cast on my leg.

After prayer I removed the cast, got up out of the wheelchair and was able to walk around the auditorium several times! We went up and down the stairs, the pain left and I had full range of movement in my ankle!

Praise the Lord!

Janet, Visitor

Praise Report:



'Now I can hear!'

Over the years I have had numerous surgeries to remove tumors that developed in my ears. The tumors caused a loss of hearing in both of my ears.

I came forward for prayer in Healing School and as the prayer minister prayed I could feel the Holy Spirit flowing through my ears. When I took my hands away from my ears I could hear again!

Praise the Lord!

Janet, Visitor

Praise Report:



Voice restored!

I had been experiencing symptoms in my throat to the point that my voice was non existent.

I came to school as usual and attended class without even being able to whisper. In the afternoon I went to healing school determined to obey the Lord and sing!

I started out by mouthing the words of the songs during the worship and with each song my voice began to return. By the fourth song I could sing!

After ministry at the end of the teaching, even the soreness in my throat completely left.

For a sickness that would normally last a least a week, it was totally healed at healing school with minutes.

Praise the Lord!

Jeanette, 2nd Year CBC Student

Praise Report:



‘Now I can walk without my cane!’

I was diagnosed with a degenerative condition in my neck and spine. It caused me to be in pain constantly, 24 hours a day. The doctors had told me that I was not a candidate for surgery, therefore I was dependent on pain medication to control my symptoms.

Since receiving prayer I have not needed to take the drug I was so dependent on as the pain is gone, more than that...I am able to walk without my cane!

Praise the Lord!

John, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Catastrophic accident ends in miraculous healing!’

I experienced an extremely catastrophic equine accident last May. Now a year later I have found my way to Charis after it was recommended by a student.

After the accident I received surgery to fuse my spine which was nearly broken in half at my skull, my thoracic cage was shattered, I had a broken femur and ribs, collapsed lung, damaged diaphragm, spinal nerve damage, and most of the skin missing from the right side of my face, eyelid, neck and shoulder.

I came for prayer today and the pain in my body left instantly!

Thank you Lord!

Kendra , Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Facial structure restored!’

I had been suffering from pain in my face for so long. Back in January 2011 I had a prosthetic implant inserted into my face but it caused stiffness in my cheekbone.

I heard about healing school and travelled from out of state just to be here and receive healing.

As the prayer minister prayed I felt Jesus healing my cheek, but also my shoulder and knees!

God is so good, by His stripes I was healed!

Maria, Visitor

Praise Report:



'Hearing restored!'

Ever since childhood I have had 50% hearing loss in both of my ears, due to nerve damage.

As the prayer minister prayed for me in Healing school, I heard my ear start to pop. The popping began in my right ear and then started in my left.

As my ears popped my hearing started to return! I now have more hearing than when I arrived, and I expect to see a full restoration!

Halleluiah!

Marilyn Kay, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Reading the small print again!’

Before attending Healing School I had pain through my body. In addition to this my vision was impaired to where I was unable to read small print.

I went forward for prayer, and the students prayed with me.

The pain left but body, I have no pain now! I can also see much better!

Thank you Lord!

Mario Venzor, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Total body makeover!’

After being involved in a car accident, I was still experiencing pain especially in my knees.

I had also been suffering from a chronic sinus condition that was causing major congestion. So when I went forward for prayer I asked for a ‘total body makeover’!

That is exactly what I received! My sinuses cleared completely and both of my knees stopped aching!

Thank you Lord!

Mary Wilke, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘The pain has left and I can sleep again!’

I had been suffering from severe pain in my back and hip, so much that it would wake me up at night.

I went forward for prayer for the pain, and for the lack of sleep that I was experiencing. The prayer ministers prayed for me to have sweet sleep, and the Holy Spirit revealed to them a heart issue. After commanding the pain to leave, I received a full manifestation in my hip and back. The pain is completely gone!

Now I can sleep again at night!

Praise the Lord!

Nekatah, CBC Student

Praise Report:



‘Healed while listening to the teaching!’

I had been suffering from Anti-Phospholipid Syndrome, which is an autoimmune disease. The disease produces blood clots which causes complications, the last time it landed me in ICU. I needed oxygen to help me breathe.

While at Healing School, listening to the teaching I heard God speak to me. He told me two times that I did not need the oxygen and to take it off.

I removed the oxygen and received my healing!

I am free, God is great!

Patricia, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Mobility restored and pain free!’

I was suffering from pain and stiffness in both knees and in my back. This made walking up and down stairs, and getting in and out of the car especially difficult.

After receiving prayer the pain and stiffness left. I could walk up and down the platform steps without any difficulty.

The next morning I noticed that I could get out of my bed without any problem, usually this would have been very painful. I am also able to climb in and out of the car again.

Everyday I am getting stronger and am able to do more!

Thank you Lord!

Patsy, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Arthritis healed!’

I had surgery on my left knee in Dec, and was still experiencing pain and swelling.

The Arthritis was making walking normally very difficult.

After Healing School I went forward for prayer, and felt like I received God’s love.

The pain left my knee, I started walking again, and there was still no pain!

I am healed!

Thank you Lord!

Cheeye, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Signs and wonders follow the preaching of the Word!’

As the teacher ministered from the book of Acts I realized that everyone who was prayed for received their healing. This sparked my faith and I decided to go up for prayer!

I had been suffering from pain in the middle of my spine. It would pop constantly and cause discomfort.

After the Prayer minister prayed a simple prayer I felt all the pain in my spine leave. It felt light and the discomfort was gone!

Thank you Lord!

Riggi, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Allergy Free!’

I had been suffering from an allergy triggered by chemicals such as perfume. It affected my breathing whenever I came into contact with or breathed in fragrances.

At Healing school I heard that if I came for prayer I would be healed. I realized that I had been in fear that I would have a reaction and not be able to breathe. After prayer I decided not to listen to any more of the Enemy’s lies, that I would not allow him to steal my breath or my testimony ever again. I tested out some perfume after Healing School, and didn’t react!

Praise the Lord!

Sheila, CBC

Praise Report:



‘Walking away from Cancer!’

I was diagnosed in Jan 2011 with Lung Cancer, my doctor did not expect me to live past one year.

I lost a lot of weight, became very weak and frail and had to use oxygen just to breathe. I could barely walk as I was so breathless and had no energy.

I attended Healing School in July 2011 and received prayer. After prayer I was able to walk all around the auditorium without the oxygen, and began breathing normally again. The more we walked the easier my breathing became.

I refused to believe the doctors report, I trusted God and had peace. I continued to get better and better. I wanted to come today (Jan 2012) and show everyone how well I am and that I am alive!

Thank you Jesus!

Suki, Visitor

Praise Report:



‘Healed while serving at healing school!’

I am the camera man at Healing school, so I film other people’s healings. The other day, things were different.

For as long as I can remember I have struggled to do physical tasks, and been totally exhausted after them. As the speaker taught, the Holy Spirit told me to place my hand on my heart. As I did I felt like electricity go from my hand to my heart. Heat consumed my chest and I began weeping.

The next day I woke up full of energy, like a new man. I feel better than I ever have in my whole life. God has healed my heart and canceled a chapter of my life that I didn’t even know was there!

Wayne, CBC Student

Praise Report:



'Healed and ready for the mission field!'

Six days before leaving on a mission to Germany I developed a hernia. This caused constant pain in my stomach, leg and groin. Moving around and even going to the bathroom became very painful.

After Healing School I went up for prayer. As the minister prayed I felt an ice like sensation covering the injured area. He kept praying and the pain and tension left completely! I climbed the steps of the stage and jumped off in victory!

By His stripes I am healed!

Thank you Lord!

Wayne, 2nd Year CBC student

Praise Report:



‘Congestive heart failure: healed!’

I was suffering from symptoms of congestive heart failure. Shortness of breath caused me to wake up 20-30 times a night. I felt like I was drowning especially if I laid on my left side.

I’ve received prayer from Healing school at different times over the past few months, and now the symptoms only rarely return. If they do I know to rebuke them as lies and thank Jesus for my healing!

Thank you Lord!

Wil, Visitor

Praise Report:



“Diabetes healed!!”

Will had been suffering from Leaky gut syndrome and Diabetes. As a Diabetic he had to take insulin and check his blood sugar levels frequently.

After receiving prayer at Healing school Will checked his sugar levels as usual. Since prayer his levels are perfectly normal!

Will