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INTRODUCTION

I have been a student of the Word for most of my life, and over the years the Lord has taught me many healing principles based on Scripture. I have personally experienced the healing power of God's Word and have seen multitudes healed. I am delighted to share with you some of my commentaries on various healing scriptures from the Bible. I pray these commentaries will provide you valuable insight and understanding. My heart's desire is that you will fall in love with the Word and will discover its healing, delivering, and transforming power and discover what a treasure the Word of God is.

I've placed before the commentaries two messages that I taught recently that are near and dear to my heart: "The Miracle Book" and "A Pure Heart." "The Miracle Book" will help you know what a miraculous, supernatural book the Bible is. I believe it will cause you to cherish your Bible more than ever before. "A Pure Heart" will reveal to you God's purpose in sending us His Word. I believe when you learn His purpose it will increase your determination to be in the Word more than ever and cause you to love the Word more than ever before. It was such a delight to receive those messages from the Lord! I'm certain you will find them to be a real treasure, just as I did.

THE MIRACLE BOOK

My deep desire for you is that you grasp the majesty and magnificence of the Bible, the Word of Almighty God. I want you to understand what a miracle the Bible is. It's God's miracle book. The creation of the Bible is in itself an absolute miracle. The Bible, written in three languages on three different continents, is a collection of sixty-six books written by more than forty authors over a period of 1,600 years. The authors were people from all walks of life—kings, shepherds, doctors, tax collectors, fishermen, farmers, military leaders, prophets, judges, priests, singers—all with differing personalities living in different circumstances. They composed their works from palaces, prisons, homes, wildernesses, and places of exile. They recorded history, provided wisdom and instruction, pronounced judgments, and, most amazingly, gave prophecies of future events. Yet, despite this marvelous array of authors and their personalities, writing styles, backgrounds, and circumstances, the Bible displays a flawless consistency. It all fits together into one cohesive story, from Genesis to Revelation, with the various books confirming each other. That in itself is a miracle!

It is remarkable that such a book written by such a diverse group of people over such a long period of time has such continuity and consistency. And without contradiction. Truly amazing! It is in actuality one book written by one Author—the Holy Spirit. He wrote the Bible through prophets of old and through disciples who listened to His voice and followed His leading and direction. The unity and continuity of Scripture reflect its supernatural origin. It is God-inspired. It is God-breathed. Only the one true God, whose Name is Yahweh, could provide us with such an inerrant, infallible, timeless message—the message of His astounding love for mankind.

Truly, the Bible is a book like no other. Holding the Bible is like holding the truth of all the ages in your hand. Within its pages are the most significant words ever put in writing—the very words of God Himself, the words of your Creator. The Bible is the only book you will ever read that will tell you the truth about God, who you are, why you are here, and how

you should live. And it speaks with the same authority as if God Himself were standing before you speaking. You can trust the Word of God. You can depend on it to be your guide, your wisdom, your hope, and your road map on this journey of life.

Second Peter 1:20-21 tells us, *“No prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God”* (NASB). There are many people today running around speaking all kinds of things and calling those words prophecies. But if it is truly a prophetic word from God, it is because the Spirit of God moves on that person to give a word He wants someone to hear. Peter, in the above verse, spoke of men being “moved” by the Holy Spirit. The Greek word translated “moved” in that scripture figuratively refers to “men who hoisted their sails and went wherever the Spirit took them.” Think about that. You’re following God day by day, you raise your sails, and when the wind moves you onward, you know you’re not just drifting, but God Almighty is directing you where He wants you to go. That’s how we need to view the writing of the Bible. The men who wrote its pages were open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. They put up their sails (were listening for His direction), and then they were open to receive and write whatever He said.

You must understand, God wrote the Bible. The Almighty One. The Eternal One. The Ancient of Days. Your Lord and Savior. It is what God has to say to mankind. It contains words that God has deemed important for us to know and understand. The Bible is the “answer book.” It provides all the answers that we need in this life, including how to receive healing and be healthy and whole. Instead of just running to people, we need to run to the Answer Book. Run to the miraculous Word of God! Be embraced by Jehovah Rapha (the God who heals)!

Unfortunately, there are people today who are attacking and attempting to discredit the truth and validity of the Bible. They say things like, “Well, this part of the Bible you can trust, but this other part you can’t.” Or, “Well, this part is true, but not this part.” They act like the Bible belongs in a cemetery. They act like it is antiquated and no longer pertinent. But they are terribly wrong. They are so misguided. It is a living, dynamic book! It is God’s manual for your life! It’s sad to me that so many are questioning the Bible’s relevance for today. It’s being called an ancient book that doesn’t fit

in with our modern society. It's being called irrelevant and archaic. But not by disciples. Disciples love the Lord and they love His Word, the whole counsel of His Word. And they live by it.

We are called to be disciples of Christ Jesus and obey His Word. We are to live by the power and authority of the Holy Bible! I remember Reverend Kenneth E. Hagin talking about the little girl who came to church to hear him preach. She normally attended another church but would come to his revival meetings. He noticed her Bible being unusually thin. Many pages were gone from it. He asked her, "What happened to your Bible?"

She said, "Well, my preacher said this part isn't true. So I tore that out. And this other part, it's outdated, not true for today. So I tore that out. And this other part, it says one thing, but he says that's not what the Lord meant." Then she said, "I guess the next time I go back, I won't have anything left. I won't have a Bible at all."

Think about it. That's exactly what man is doing today—decimating the Bible. That is a *huge* mistake! God's Word is alive and has the power to transform hearts and lives. That's why it has never faded into obscurity. It's the number-one best-selling book in the world and has been since it was first published. It's the most read book in the world. Why? Because it is absolute truth. Pure and simple.

As I said, the Bible is God's miracle book. It's the only place where we can find godly wisdom and guidance. It's the only place where we can find absolute truth. It's the only place where we can learn about Jesus, who is the way to the Father, who is the truth, and who is life (see John 14:6). That's why it's important that disciples of the Lord be taught and equipped to defend the Word of God and do so in such a way that it brings conviction and ultimately transformation.

John 17:17 says, "*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*" What exactly is truth? Truth is something that is true at all times, in all places, no matter the circumstances. It cannot be changed. The Word of God is unchangeable. It is indisputable. It is in principle free from anything false. It is truth. What is absolute? It is a principle or value that is regarded as universally valid and independent from anything else. It is something that can never change. That is absolute truth.

It is important to understand the validity and absolute truthfulness of the Word of God. If you are willing to relinquish your eternity to the Word of

God, then you certainly want to know and be sure it is absolute truth. If it is not absolute truth, then it is not truth at all!

John 8:32 says, “*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” But truth can make you free only to the degree to which you walk in it. It is not just something you know; it is what you do with what you know. For instance, if you attend a church that teaches healing is not for today, you will not walk in the truth of God’s Word that tells you by the stripes of Jesus you are healed (see Isa. 53:4-5). You will argue to your death that healing is not for today. Why? Because you have not been taught the truth of God’s Word. If you do not know the truth that God loves you unconditionally, you will not walk in or live by that truth, and you will challenge and question the truth of the statement “God loves you unconditionally.” You will try to defend your position by statements like, “But you don’t know what I have done in the past.” What you have done in the past doesn’t negate the truth that God loves you unconditionally.

Satan works to build a barrier of lies to keep you bound and spiritually ignorant and handicapped. Satan’s power is in the lie. When his lie is exposed by the truth, his plans are foiled and ruined. The only reasonable response to the lies of the devil is to stand on the absolute truth of God’s Word. His Word is eternal, unchanging, dependable, uncompromising truth. You don’t have to outshout, outmuscle, or outsmart the devil to be free of his influence. You simply have to “out-truth” him!

You cannot rewrite absolute truth. It stands unchangeable. However, there are those who refuse to accept the full truth of the Word of God. They want to simply live by their opinions instead of by the truth of the Word. For them, disaster is just around the corner.

In our society today, people’s attitudes about the Bible fall into three groups. The first group are people who consider it just an old book. They acknowledge that it contains some wise things, some advice for living, and they acknowledge that it has some crazy stories in it that don’t make a lot of sense. And they know it has lists of long names nobody can pronounce. That’s the way they view it. This group sees no worth or value in God’s miracle book. They do not see how it applies to their lives. They do not know that it contains the answer to every need they have, including salvation and healing.

Then there's the second group. They believe in the importance of the Bible, but they are not readers of the Bible. Sadly, most of the church falls into this category. They bring their Bibles to church. They carry them and hold on to them, but they don't actually read them. A recent poll of American churches (in 2020) revealed that only 19 percent of churchgoers actually read the Bible at least four times a week. That is astounding to me! If you don't know the Word of God, you can't know the will of God. If you don't know the will of God, how will you know His will for your life? You'll wander around like a vagabond—no purpose, no destiny.

Then the third group considers God's Word the ultimate book. It shapes their worldview. It develops their godly character. It directs the course of their lives. They actually make decisions—where they go, what they do, who they're friends with, how they spend their money, how they live—based on biblical principles. The Bible is their compass. It is a book written by their heavenly Father, written for and about them, answering the “whys” of life and fulfilling all human need. These are the people who believe, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God*” (Matt. 4:4). They even believe that the Word of God is life, health, and medicine to all their flesh (see Prov. 4:22). Unfortunately, this is a small percentage of the Church. Which of these groups do you find yourself in? How important and valuable is the Word of God to you? Would you be lost without it?

Paul, when speaking to Timothy, said:

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:14-17 NASB).

The sacred writings were given to us for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

I see three things that Paul seems to be saying in this passage. Paul exhorts Timothy to continue in the things he has learned and has become convinced of. In other words, he is saying, “Timothy, it’s not time to back off. It’s not time to back away from the Word of God.” It’s so easy to be distracted by the things that are going on in our lives or in the world. But the Lord is telling us in this passage not to get distracted. He is admonishing us to continue in what we know is truth.

The second thing I see in this passage that I find interesting is the phrase “knowing from whom you have learned.” Who had taught Timothy the Scriptures since he was a child? His mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois—two godly women who lived by the Word of God. It matters who’s teaching you because you will only know as much as the person teaching you. That’s why we need to have our Bibles. As born-again believers, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to help us understand God’s Word. We must learn the truth of God’s Word and how to apply it to our lives to receive every benefit and blessing the Lord has provided for us. We’re living in the most blessed society known to mankind in terms of access to God’s Word. It is an historical fact that during certain periods of history, if you possessed a Bible or even a part of the Bible, you could be executed. It’s hard to imagine that because today Bibles are available everywhere. But here’s my point: It’s not how many Bibles you have; it’s what you believe about what’s in the Bible, and it’s whether the Word is being allowed to guide, direct, and impact your life.

Finally, Paul reminds Timothy that from childhood he has known the sacred writings that gave him the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. It’s the Word of God that imparts the wisdom of knowing you need a savior, and it’s the Word of God that tells you there is a Savior, and it’s the Word of God that tells you how to receive Him as Savior. If you didn’t have the Word, you wouldn’t know any of those things. And let’s not forget, just as we know about salvation and the Savior through the Bible, we also know of healing and the Healer. So be thankful; be elated that you have this precious book, the Holy Bible—a treasure chest from the Lord to you.

Second Timothy 3:16-17 tells us, “*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every*

good work” (NASB). Notice teaching is listed first. Why? Because teaching is more than the mere impartation of mental knowledge. Teaching includes reproof and correction. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus went about teaching, preaching, and healing. He had to teach and bring correction so that people could receive the greatest benefits and blessings of God. In other words, when a principle of the Word is taught, the very teaching of that principle reproofs you. Then the Bible can actually bring correction in your life. How does it do that? As you read a principle in the Word, it challenges you to be different, and you decide to change. So the Scripture itself will change you if you will let it. Like I said, the Bible is living and dynamic. It makes dead things come to life!

This Scripture includes the concepts of teaching *and* training. Teaching imparts knowledge; training imparts the means to apply the knowledge. Both are essential for disciples of Christ. It’s one thing to know the Word. It’s another thing to know how to apply the Word. The Bible actually teaches us how to apply the Word of God to every area of our lives to enjoy His benefits.

Let me say it again. The Bible is without a doubt the greatest book ever written. Through His Word, the Lord was saying to mankind, “I know all about all of your problems. I’m the only One who knows how to fix them. I’m going to send My Son. He is the remedy.” And that’s what He did. We can read all about Him in the precious Word of God.

It’s not about how many times you’ve read the Bible. It’s about how many times you’ve read the Bible and allowed it to bring lasting changes in your life. Remember, Jesus said to the Pharisees, “*You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life*” (John 5:39-40). The Pharisees had the Scriptures but were not changed by them. They did not have a close walk with God. They had religion. Consequently, they did not recognize His Son when He sent Him. We don’t want to be like the Pharisees. And we don’t want to be just followers of the Lord but disciples!

You can read many books for inspiration or recreation, but they can’t bring transformation. Very simply said, the Bible is about one Person—Jesus, the Son of God. It tells us about His first coming, and it tells us about His second coming. That’s what the whole Bible is about. Studying the

Bible will bring you wisdom, and it will equip and train you for living a godly life. It will reprove and correct you when you need it. When you sin, it will teach you how to receive forgiveness. It will encourage you when you're discouraged. It will comfort you when you need comforting. When you're sick, it will bring healing. You name it. You'll find the answer in this marvelous book!

The Word of God is living and powerful. Let it work in your heart to bring about true transformation. It's a book of life and will impart life to you—spirit, soul, and body. This miracle, this book called the Bible, should be your most prized possession. Nothing you will ever own will compare to the Bible. The magnificent Word of the Lord is more valuable than gold, more precious than silver. Every word contained in this miraculous book is like a hidden treasure. As you search the Scriptures, you will find treasures that can change and transform you to be who God called you to be and have everything God provided for you. If you are born again, it's the only book you'll ever own where the Author Himself lives inside you! Let it be your guiding light. Let it transform you so you can bring glory to your heavenly Father!

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God (Proverbs 2:1-5).

A PURE HEART

The Son of God, our Savior, often referenced the Great Commandment—that commandment which begins with these words: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.” In referencing this commandment, He was emphasizing its supreme importance and helping us know that it is the basis for adhering to every command. If you have a heart after God, you will be motivated to obey all of His commands. It simply is a heart issue!

In His list of Beatitudes, Jesus makes this statement: “*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*” (Matt. 5:8). What an amazing statement! If the pure in heart are the ones who are going to see God, is it not imperative that we know how to develop a pure heart?

We know that the heart is essential to salvation. We can see that in Romans:

That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation (Romans 10:9-10 NASB).

It says “if you believe in your heart.” It does not say “believe in your mind.” Are you getting this? The importance of the heart cannot be overstated. It is the seat of our affections, where worship originates, where love increases, and it is the place where faith grows.

Faith isn’t the result of striving; faith is the fruit of surrender. A Christian is someone who has yielded to the Lord and has committed to a life of faith. It’s all about surrendering to the will of God and yielding to what He wants for you, what He has planned for you. That surrender will produce faith in you. The Bible says that whatever is not of faith is sin (see Rom. 14:23). So any work we do for God that does not spring from faith but from a works mentality is illegitimate service. It has no value because

there is no faith in it. God is a faith God. It takes faith to please Him. He measures everything by faith. Faith is the key to everything that has anything to do with God and our eternal life.

Apart from God's great grace and never-ending mercy and His work in us, our hearts are deceitful. Jeremiah informs us of this: "*The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?*" (Jer. 17:9 NASB). The heart is deceitful because it is totally self-centered. For example, think about toddlers. They are self-centered, wanting to be served and pampered continually. But when we are born again, the Spirit of God comes into our spirit and begins a process within us to change the way we think so that God can change our hearts. *You cannot change your heart. And God will not change your mind. But if you will change the way you think, the Lord will change your heart. As Proverbs 23:7 says, "As he thinks in his heart, so is he."*

So how do we develop a pure heart? The first thing to understand is that the heart is primary; the mind is secondary. Don't misunderstand me, your mind is vitally important. Your mind is valuable. If it weren't valuable, it wouldn't be worth renewing. We know the Bible tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (see Rom. 12:2). *But we will never understand with our minds what our hearts have not yielded to.* The renewing of the mind through the Word is a critical step toward having our hearts transformed. But we must be yielded to what we read in God's Word in order for transformation to take place. That's what keeps many an intellectual from embracing the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures may pass through your mind, but if you're not yielded to what it is saying, it cannot produce change in you, and it will have no impact on your life.

That's why church people are often called hypocrites. They have the Scriptures in their minds, but it's not in their hearts. Consequently, their behavior doesn't line up with who they profess to be. *The whole purpose of the Scriptures is so that we can learn to think like God thinks.* If we know what His Word says and we learn to think like God thinks, when adversity comes we will automatically begin speaking the Word of God. If sickness comes, we will raise up the standard of the Word against it. We will automatically say, "Oh, no you don't! By the stripes of Jesus, I am healed! That's what the Word says!" We'll resist and we'll reject what the enemy is

trying to do to us. It is a knowing in our “knower”—knowing the Word of God is absolute truth and knowing God is faithful to His Word. When we know that in our hearts, nothing can move us off of it. When you speak the Word of God, then you and God are united on that issue. You have His mind (thinking what He thinks). You’re not trying to make something happen. Because the Word is a part of who you are, you are simply speaking it in faith and walking it out!

The gospel is apprehended by faith. Faith grows as we learn to yield to the Lord. And that is a lifelong journey! The process of yielding to the Lord is what Jesus is working in us every day of our lives so we will learn to think the way He thinks. And that will help us talk like He talked and live like He lived. Remember, as a man thinks, so is he.

Jesus was one with the Father. And He refused to let His circumstances affect His relationship with the Father. We are to be the same so that we can say, “I’m one with the Lord. I’ve found out who I am in Him. And nothing is going to move me off of that.” If you have a close walk with the Lord, your life will bear the fruit of it, and you will be solid as a Rock.

When thinking of issues related to purity of the heart, one readily comes to mind. There are people in this world who are prejudiced. But they were not born that way. That is a learned behavior. They learned it from parents or grandparents or teachers or television or internet or somewhere else. Their hearts became polluted, impure. And it all began in their thoughts. They yielded themselves to that mentality and never bothered to compare that attitude with what the Scriptures say. They didn’t bother to ask or see what God thinks about that. It’s thinking like God thinks that makes a heart pure. That’s why the Bible tells us to guard our hearts above all else—so they will become pure and remain pure.

How we live should be guided by what we learn from the Bible. If we want our cars to work right, we have to refer to the manufacturer’s handbook that came with the car. If we want our lives working properly, we have to refer to our Manufacturer’s Handbook, which is the Bible, and live by what it says. Follow the precious Handbook provided by your “Manufacturer,” and you will be well-kept and maintained!

We are living in end times, the end of days. If you really believe that, it will change how you think and how you live. You will rearrange your priorities. You will decide that walking with the Lord and pleasing Him is

the most important thing in your life. You'll determine to be in His Word daily so it can transform you and create a pure heart within you. Having done those things makes your heart ready to believe and receive His wonderful healing words. Isaiah 55:6-11 addresses this principle in detail:

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

In this passage, God declares a problem: that our thoughts are not His thoughts and our ways are not His ways. But He doesn't stop there. He provides the solution to the problem. In verse 11 He says He sends forth His Word, and He compares that to how He sends down the rain to water the earth and bring forth a harvest. Why does He send us His Word? To teach us how He thinks so we can learn to think like He thinks.

Too often we have quoted "His thoughts are not our thoughts" as some kind of rationalization for our way of thinking.

Who among you is wise and But we fail to see that in that same verse He declares the solution for our wrong thinking. He says that just as the rain comes down to accomplish something, so does His Word which He sends to us. His Word will not return to Him without accomplishing the purpose for which it was sent! In other words, He made a way for us to align our thinking with His! Why does He do that? So we can develop a pure heart! And why do we want a pure heart? "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they*

shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). And we can paraphrase that to say, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see and experience God the Healer!”

Paul teaches us that we have the mind of Christ (see 1 Cor. 2:16). What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? It means to think the way He thinks! The Lord’s goal for us is that we get so immersed in His perspective of life that we think, speak, and live from the supernatural realm. We must see things from our seat in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (see Eph. 2:6). We must see from a heavenly perspective. That is how Jesus saw things when He walked this earth, and it’s how He wants us to see. It’s how He walked in the supernatural realm here on earth. He is expecting His disciples to do the same.

There are times when the Lord would prefer to do something *through* us rather than *for us*. For instance, we read in Matthew, Mark, and Luke about a raging storm that arose while Jesus was asleep in the boat and His disciples were afraid for their lives. Jesus was disappointed when the disciples asked Him to calm the storm. He did it, but then turned to them and said, “Why do you have so little faith?” He had been teaching them and building them up in their faith so that their decisions and behavior would demonstrate His nature. Jesus is still looking for people who consistently demonstrate who He is! Having a living faith does that. And it does it most successfully from a pure heart!

At the core of the renewed mind is the living awareness of eternity. Eternity becomes the point of reference for all of our decisions. Those who have renewed their minds live in the consciousness that whatever they do in word or deed is all for the glory of God. They live in the consciousness that this earthly life is temporary and everything they do here is having an effect there, in the heavenly realm. What do I mean by “having an effect there”? I mean it affects your position in Heaven, it affects your rewards, it affects the level of Heaven you’re in, it affects your assignments there. If the awareness of eternity is not alive and well in us, we will make decisions for the immediate rather than for the eternal. We must remind ourselves life here is very short, like a vapor. Eternity is *eternity!*

There are two kinds of wisdom. It’s spoken of in the book of James. In the following passage, James says something that seems rather bizarre:

understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic (James 3:13-15 NASB).

Notice in verse 15 he says *this* wisdom. He equates jealousy and envy with “wisdom.” That sounds strange! But there are two kinds of wisdom—carnal and spiritual. Carnal wisdom arises from the flesh. Spiritual wisdom comes from “above.” The Lord makes known His thoughts and ways and wisdom in the Word of God, and He provides us with insights and revelation of His Word by His Spirit. That is wisdom from above! His healing scriptures are His wisdom from above!

Let’s look at verse 17: “*But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy*” (NASB). Remember the mother of James and John? She came to Jesus one day and asked if her sons could be given the place of honor beside the Lord in His Kingdom. She thought she was being clever, getting ahead of the others, securing the seats of honor for her boys. That was carnal wisdom. And it was self-motivated and self-promoting, for after all if her sons were the “big shots” in the Kingdom, that would make her be somebody too! The definition of wisdom is “the correct application of knowledge.” Well, she thought that was what she was doing, but it was carnal wisdom, not the wisdom from above. Her train of thought was that Jesus was going to be King one day so she better get her request in early.

You know, we can be just like her—self-promoting, striving to beat someone else to a position or an opportunity. When we find out that one of our co-workers got a raise and we didn’t, the carnal mind kicks in and we think, “I work as hard as he does. What’s going on here?” Come on, you know it’s true. We’ve all done it. That’s the carnal mind at work. To the carnal mind, jealousy is totally justified. You just want your rights! Jealousy is what prompts self-promotion. Jealousy also sends a signal to the enemy. It’s an open invitation for him to come and wreak havoc in your life. The unrenewed mind looks at a situation and moves easily into jealousy because that’s reasonable to the carnal mind. Some people even justify it and call it “discernment.” But the wisdom from above—God’s kind of wisdom—is

pure, peaceable, gentle, full of mercy. When wisdom is pure, there is no place for jealousy or any other corruption from the evil one. Learning to *think from an eternal perspective* is what enables us to demonstrate heavenly wisdom in this world. At the center of it all is the *heart*.

I'm talking about a heart that worships, a heart that yields to the Lord. Worship conditions the heart to sense the presence of the Lord. You either focus on the Lord, or you have a divided heart that feeds on distractions. The enemy's tactic is to bring distractions and bring them often, but we must guard our hearts to ensure we remain focused on the Lord. We all need to pray, "Lord, unify my heart. I don't want my heart to be divided. I want to be wholehearted in my worship and wholeheartedly devoted to You."

In Psalm 84:5, the psalmist writes, "*How blessed is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion!*" (NASB). What is a highway? It's a means of quick and easy access that gets you to where you need to go fast. You may feel as though you're walking through a jungle in your day-to-day life. But if your heart is yielded to the Lord, in the midst of the jungle you will have quick and easy access to His presence if a highway of holiness has been established in your heart.

The Lord so desires that His people would give Him their attention. Let's suppose you were invited to a fancy dinner at the home of someone who is wealthy. When you arrive, you see that his home is magnificent. The food he serves is exquisite. There are musicians playing in the corner, adding to the ambiance. The other people who are there are people you know and are friendly and comfortable to be with, so the fellowship is pleasant. Over to one side the owner of the house sits comfortably watching his guests. You may wave at him. Perhaps you make eye contact once or twice during the evening, but you never have the face-to-face encounter that is readily available. That's how some of us are when we're in church on Sundays. The Owner's House is beautiful. The music is inspiring. The food—the Word—is delicious because it has come from the Lord. The fellowship is sweet. But none of that is the point of your gathering together. What is the point? A face-to-face encounter with the Owner of the House! We were designed to enjoy the presence of the Owner of the House! Worship is what brings us to the place of face-to-face intimacy with our King. It's our worship that makes everything we do in our daily routine a "sacrifice of praise." Worship purifies the heart. Your works are sanctified

by your worship of the Lord, which, in turn, creates in your workspace opportunities for you to demonstrate the wonder and the goodness of the Lord.

I want to bring a particular word to your attention. Most of us are familiar with the word “helpmate,” and we usually think of it in terms of marriage. But did you know that the word for “helpmate” is used only three times in the Bible with reference to marriage? It’s used thirteen times in reference to Christ! The Hebrew word translated “helpmate” literally means “fully qualified to make up for what is lacking in you.” That’s what the Lord does! That’s what He is all about. He is the ultimate helpmate! It’s in worship that we come face to face with our helpmate. He purifies our hearts by His very presence!

Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see God. When we are born again, we begin a journey. The destination is intimacy with the Lord. The more yielded our hearts, the more clearly we “see God” in everything that happens on this journey of life. When questions arise about where we are to live or what job we should take or where to go to college or who we should marry or when we should retire—or questions about doctors, medicine, surgeries, etc.—we need direction from the Lord. *The clarity with which we receive direction from the Lord is determined by how yielded we are to His will*—in other words, how pure our hearts are toward the Lord. A pure heart has settled the question that whatever He says, we will do. Our eternal perspective drives our obedience. It’s not about what you want. It’s all about what Jesus wants. Period. End of story.

Proverbs 4:23 tells us, “*Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life*” (NASB). Everything about your life is connected to the condition of your heart. Even your health. That’s why your heart is satan’s target! When he wants to disrupt your heart and turn it away from God, he messes with your circumstances. Needing physical healing is messing with your circumstances. His goal is to change your way of thinking and alter your perspective of true reality. If he can influence your thinking, he can weaken your purity of heart.

Think about the temptation of Jesus during those forty days in the wilderness. Satan messed with His circumstances. “If You’re hungry, turn these stones to bread. If You are the Son of God, show off—jump off this cliff.” At every turn, Jesus spoke the Word and silenced him. Your words

reveal your character. That's precisely what Jesus modeled. We read in Matthew 12:33-34:

Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart (NASB).

Most of us, when we speak, believe that we are speaking what's on our minds. God says that what comes out of your mouth comes from your heart! "*For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks*" (Matt. 12:34). So in actuality, you are speaking what is in your heart. So it's not that difficult to measure the purity of your heart. Listen to yourself!

If your heart has bitterness, anger, resentment, unforgiveness, or some other corruption, you can't just talk it away. You need to *repent!* God will arrange circumstances in your life that will cause you to be shocked at yourself and say, "I didn't know that was in me!" Oh, but God knew. And He made sure it came out. Not to shame you, but to deliver you! He wants us to see what is in our hearts so we will come to Him and repent and have our hearts cleansed. God is all about purifying our hearts!

Too often we want to be right before God but we don't want to change, so we find a way to rationalize or justify our dysfunction to ease our conscience for a while. That's having a victim mentality. And that is from the pit of hell. We are actually "protecting" an attitude that God is trying to get rid of! That victim mentality will keep you from becoming who God has created you to be.

Listen. Serving God is really quite simple. It's all or nothing. God must be the priority above all else. We love our families and care for them *because* we love God. We love our church and we're faithful in serving *because* we love God. Honestly, all of that is all about God.

If you want a pure heart, don't use the excuse, "I don't read the Word because I don't remember what I read." You don't remember what you ate for lunch a week ago but it still nourished you! Get the Word in you! Your spirit will grab it and when you need the Word, it will rise up from within you!

Filling yourself with the Word of God will create a pure heart in you, and your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors will slowly transform you into the image and likeness of Jesus. You will think like Him. Thinking like Him produces right attitudes, and right attitudes produce right behaviors!

What would you say is the most devastating danger to the heart? Bitterness? Jealousy? No. It's *disappointment*. See, we know that bitterness and jealousy are wrong. We recognize that as a work of the enemy. But disappointment can do a very sneaky work in us if we're not alert to it. Disappointment seems to be a "normal" part of life. But if it's left unattended, it becomes a breeding ground for unbelief. If we allow disappointment to shape our thinking and our perspective on life, it becomes an assault on our faith. It becomes a dysfunction that allows the thief to steal, kill, and destroy.

Disappointment tells you that something is dead—a hope, a dream, a plan, an expectation for healing. Think about Mary and Martha. They had a huge disappointment when Jesus didn't show up before their brother died. Yet their disappointment was turned into rejoicing when Jesus did show up and performed one of the greatest miracles of His ministry. He brought Lazarus back from the dead after four days in the grave! Is anything in your life too hard for the Lord? No! Is the sickness too advanced? No! Is your situation hopeless? No! Not if you're born again and you know the Lord. Keep your trust in Him. Keep your confidence in Him. Get your eyes off the problem and onto Him. He is faithful to His Word, and He will always bring you through!

Never accuse God when you're disappointed. Instead, come before Him and pray. You can simply pray a prayer like this one the Lord gave me:

Lord, it feels like You didn't keep Your promise. It feels like You've forsaken me. But I know that's not true because You are a God of Your Word. So I'm surrendering this disappointment and all the feelings that go with it to You, and I'm asking You to help me because I want to be right before You. I want the pleasure of Your presence, so I'm putting this in Your hands. I won't ask, "Why, Lord?" I'm just asking for grace to think like You think. Lord, I don't need an explanation; I just need Your touch. Please do for me what I cannot do for myself.

The Lord loves that kind of honest prayer. He will hear and He will honor your prayer to Him.

The Lord will never leave you, but your capacity to be aware of His presence fluctuates according to when God is trying to get your attention about something in your life. Hezekiah was one of the greatest reformers in Israel. He was one of the good kings—a king who had a heart for God and a desire to do His will. But he blew it at the end of his life because his obedience to God was prompted by whether or not he “felt” God’s presence. When God’s presence diminished, so did Hezekiah’s obedience. We must be people who obey from a pure heart just because the Lord is the Lord, and not based on how much or how little we think He has blessed us.

The pure heart says:

- I worship when I pray for someone and they get healed.
- I worship when I pray for someone and they don’t get healed.
- I worship when money comes in.
- I worship when money doesn’t come in.
- I worship when things go well.
- I worship when it seems like everything is falling apart.
- I worship when God answers my prayers quickly.
- I worship when the answers come slowly or not at all.

The pure heart says, “I refuse to become the prisoner of my experience. The Lord is good. *All the time!*” Watch over your heart with all diligence. Meditate on God’s Word! Give attention to the Word of God! Give the Word the time it deserves! Even in Heaven, we will study the Word and never finish because the Word is eternal. There is always more to learn!

The Word will change the way you think. Listen to me. *You cannot afford to have even one thought about you that Jesus doesn’t have about you!* And the only way for that to happen is for you to be full of God’s Word! You should never have the thought that you are not healed when Jesus says you are. You should never have the thought that you are alone when Jesus says He will never leave you nor forsake you. Let your thoughts be according to His Word! If Jesus calls me healed, I call me healed. I agree

with what He says. His magnificent Word tells me what He thinks about me.

The Bible speaks about how the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things (see Matt. 12:35). What is a heart filled with “good treasure”? It’s a heart filled with the Word of God! It’s a heart that has become pure because of the Word. And out of that heart filled with the Word flow many things. Truth flows out of a pure heart. Life flows out of a pure heart. Love flows out of a pure heart. Healing flows out of a pure heart. Joy flows out of a pure heart. Generosity flows out of a pure heart. Mercy flows out of a pure heart. Each one of the fruits of the Spirit flows out of a pure heart. The greatest Man who ever graced this earth, the Lord Jesus Himself, had a pure heart because His heart was totally yielded to the Father, even to the point of death. It is He who lives within you to purify your heart. Ask Him to do that work of transformation in you. Ask Him to create in you a pure heart.

Blessed are the pure in heart—because they shall see God! Blessed are those purified by His magnificent Word! Heaven and earth will pass away, but His words will never pass away! His Word always accomplishes what it was sent to do! He sent His Word and healed you!

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me (Psalm 51:10 NIV).

HEALING SCRIPTURES WITH COMMENTARY

I pray that as you read these healing Scriptures, you will take them to heart. Remind yourself they come from a Book that is an absolute miracle of God, and know that by reading His Word, studying His Word, and living His Word it is developing in you a pure heart, thereby helping you think like God thinks. When God thinks about you, He thinks that by the stripes of Jesus you are healed. When God thinks about you, He thinks that you have been made whole. And that's how you should think! I pray these commentaries will provide you with insight and understanding and that you will find them to be an absolute treasure!

NUMBERS 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

This is one of the most powerful verses on healing you will find because it states the character of God. God cannot lie. It's fundamental to our Christian walk, establishing in your heart who God is. Once that question is settled and once you understand He *cannot* lie, you can know with a surety the Scriptures are true. God does not compartmentalize His Word. If one part is true, it's all true. And God identifies Himself as, "*I am the Lord that healeth thee.*" He said it, so therefore He will make it good. The Bible also says out of the mouths of two or three witnesses, a thing is established. We can find this same concept of God's inability to lie in Hebrews 6:18 and Titus 1:2. Because of these scriptures, we know that God cannot ever prove false nor deceive us. It is not within His divine character or nature.

Therefore, we know we can trust Him completely. If we trust Him completely, then it stands to reason we can trust His Word completely. He will make good on His Word!

EXODUS 15:26

And said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.”

Faith begins where the will of God is known. We know that it's God's will for us to be saved. That is why Jesus came. His Scripture shows us it is also the will of God for us to be healed. Here the Lord identifies Himself by the Hebrew name *Jehovah Rapha*. The English word *Lord* is the Hebrew word *Jehovah*, and the word *heals* is the Hebrew word *rapha*. *Jehovah Rapha* means “the God who heals, cures, mends, repairs, and restores health.” It also means “the God who is your physician.” This is one of His covenant names. When we are born again, we come into covenant relationship with the Lord. Therefore, this scripture reveals our covenant right to be healed and made whole by Him. The first thing God taught the Israelites about Himself after they left Egypt was that He is the God who heals. Because He is a never-changing God, He is still the God who heals and we will always have a covenant right to healing.

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.

This is a very interesting scripture. It clearly states that God has already made a provision of life and blessing for us. So, instead of begging God to do something for us, we are simply to make a choice to accept what He has already provided. When struggling with any sickness or even facing death, we are given a mandate by God to choose life. This is not a mere suggestion. It is a commandment from God. It is such an important decision that God has called heaven and earth to witness or testify to it. Actually, we are being told to choose Him because God *is* life. Once you choose life, then you are on your way to healing.

2 KINGS 5:1-14

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel."

Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his

leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.”

So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Naaman, a Syrian commander whom God had used to bring victories, was an honorable man and mighty warrior, but he had leprosy. His wife’s maid, an Israeli girl, told him of a great prophet in Israel named Elisha whom God had used to heal many. Naaman went to see Elisha. When he arrived at the home of Elisha, he came with a great entourage expecting Elisha to come out and meet him. Instead, the prophet of the Lord sent a messenger telling him to go and wash seven times in the Jordan River and he would be healed. But Naaman did what so many of us do—he was led by his own preconceived notions. He became angry because the prophet didn’t come and speak to him personally or lay hands on him as he had

expected. He was also angry because he was told to wash in the Jordan River as if a river in Israel were better than a river in Syria. Because of his pride, he left in a rage. His servants said to him, “Are you offended because he did not tell you some great thing to do? What he has told you is a very simple thing that requires obedience. Just go and wash and be clean!” So Naaman humbled himself and went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times as the prophet had said. He was completely healed and made whole. Rather than being led by preconceived ideas about how God will heal you, trust and be obedient to what God says.

2 KINGS 20:1-6

In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’”

Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.”’”

King Hezekiah followed the Lord all the days of his life. He served God with an undivided heart. His entire reign brought great victory for the Israelites and pointed them to the majesty of God. When his nation was besieged by the Assyrians, Isaiah the prophet gave a word from the Lord saying, “Do not be afraid of the words you have heard.” This is an important principle. Do not be afraid of an evil report, but instead put your trust in God’s Word. He will deliver you and bring you victory. You can count on His faithfulness.

Later, Hezekiah became very sick. The Lord sent the prophet Isaiah to Hezekiah and he received devastating news. The prophet told him to get his affairs in order because he was going to die. The King made an important decision. When he received that news, he turned his face to the wall and cried out to the Lord. God is a prayer-answering God. He responded to Hezekiah’s sincere cry for help and extended his life fifteen years. This is in stark contrast to King Asa (see 2 Chron. 16:1-13). When he was severely sick, he turned his back on God. In other words, his faith was not in God but *only* in man. King Hezekiah lived. King Asa died. It matters whether you put your faith and trust in God or in man.

2 CHRONICLES 16:1-13

In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the Lord and of the king’s house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying, “Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. See, I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me.”

So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali. Now it

happened, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work. Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them he built Geba and Mizpah. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars." Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, are indeed written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

Asa was a king of Judah who initially served God but later refused the counsel of God. When his nation came under attack, he sought help from the pagan king of Syria rather than from God and was defeated in battle. As a result of Asa's refusal to follow God, he no longer remained under God's protective covering. When he developed a life-threatening disease in his feet, he still refused to seek God. The scripture says, "He sought not the Lord but only relied on the physicians." In other words, his faith was not in God but in man. Consequently, he died. To his shame, Asa is remembered as the one who did not seek the Lord. God often works through physicians, but ultimately it is God who is the Healer. Put your trust in God and not man.

PSALM 30:2

O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

The Lord, who is loving and compassionate, is always listening for the cries of His people. When we pray in faith, recognizing and trusting Him as Healer, He is faithful to hear and answer. He releases His healing power, making the way for us to receive our healing.

PSALM 89:34

My covenant I will not violate, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

God is a covenant-keeping God. One of His covenant names is Jehovah Rapha which means “the Lord who heals.” He will not ever violate or break His covenant of healing. As Numbers 23:19 tells us, God cannot lie, and therefore He cannot and will not change His Word nor break His covenant. When you are born again, you come into covenant with the Lord and all of His covenants belong to you. This certainly includes His covenant of healing.

PSALM 103:1-4

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, who redeems your life from destruction.

As David writes this psalm, his heart is overflowing with thankfulness to God who forgives and heals. These verses tell us of the benefits that come from knowing God. We are cautioned not to forget these wonderful benefits. For instance, in His mercy and compassion He forgives *all* our iniquities. He is the God who abundantly pardons. This same verse shows that the God who forgives all our sins heals *all* our diseases. This benefit of divine healing reflects God's heart in His willingness and desire that we be healed and whole. If we're redeemed from sin, then we're redeemed from the effects of sin; that includes sickness! Hallelujah! So forgot not—He heals *all* your diseases!

PSALM 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

God the Father sent the Living Word, Jesus, to deliver us from every destructive force, including sickness. He also gave us His written Word, which is filled with power and life. As we believe and speak the Word of healing, we can expect to be delivered from disease. As the Scripture states, He sent His Word and healed us!

PSALM 118:17

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

It is essential to make the decision you are going to live and not die. When you receive a bad medical report you have to ask yourself, whose report will you believe—God's report or man's report? Once you have made the decision to believe the Word of God, it's important that you declare it and speak it out loud. As you hear yourself speak God's Word,

your faith grows stronger. The Bible tells us, “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” The Scriptures also clearly state that you get what you say. Once you have established your position based on God’s Word, don’t let anything or anyone move you off of it. Stand firm and make your declaration that you will *not* die but will live! Remember, God only gets the glory if you live to tell the story!

PSALM 119:25

My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to Your word.

When one feels that all hope is gone and all they see in front of them is a grave, it is at that point that you must turn and cling to the Word of God, which is life, health, and medicine to all of your flesh (see Prov. 4:20-22). The Word of God contains the power to bring recovery and life!

PROVERBS 4:20-22

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.

Our heavenly Father has provided divine medicine for His children. It’s called the Word of God. God tells us to listen and pay close attention to His Word. We are to focus on His Word instead of looking at medical reports, test results, or even physical symptoms. God says to keep His Word in the center of our hearts. From there it will direct our thinking and set the course of our lives. The word for *health* in this passage can also be translated *medicine*, so the Word of God is medicine for our bodies! The way we

“take” this medicine is to speak it in faith. Take time to search out God’s Word on healing. Meditate on it and speak it so that it can produce life and radiant health in you. Jesus, our Great Physician, prescribes and dispenses His Word as eternal medicine for any and every ailment.

PROVERBS 13:3

He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

There are many scriptures that state the importance of your speech and how it can direct the course of your life. This is why it is essential to use caution in your speech, ensuring your words are in agreement with God’s Word. This is a key principle for healing. This verse emphasizes personal responsibility for your healing. Your words can take you down the path of destruction, or they can put you on the path to long life and health.

PROVERBS 17:22

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

A heart set on God and His Word always brings hope. Where there is hope, there is joy. When we are saddened or depressed, it’s easy to fall into hopelessness. But with God, nothing is hopeless. God’s Word is the best remedy that you will ever find for bringing hope and joy. It hydrates your spirit and soul and body. The Word states in Proverbs 12:25, “*Heaviness in the heart of man makes it droop, but a good word makes it glad*” (MEV). And God’s Word is good! This verse tells us that a merry heart does good like medicine. Begin to praise the Lord for your healing and allow joy to rise up. When we know we’re healed already, then joy can arise! That joy

will give you a merry heart, and your merry heart will be like taking a good dose of medicine!

ISAIAH 40:28-29

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

This is such a joyous scripture for those who find themselves exhausted, worn out, and at the end of themselves because of sickness. Isn't it wonderful to know that God never faints nor grows weary? He is the Giver of Life. Scriptures tell us that God gives life to all things and that with Him is the very fountain of life (see 1 Tim. 6:13). This God-given life provides us with power and increases our strength when we are weak. His healing Word reverses the works of the enemy to restore our life and bring us health. Therefore, He desires that we continually be hungry to receive more and more of His Word. The Word is life and strength to us.

ISAIAH 40:31

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

People often ask what to do while waiting for healing to manifest. This time of waiting should not be sitting impatiently, waiting for Him to do something. It is a "waiting" as in *servicing* Him. During the waiting time, you serve Him through your praise and adoration and thanksgiving. The Bible

teaches that God inhabits the praises of His people. This brings us into His presence where the power of life flows and He Himself renews our strength. Therefore, we can rise up and run and not be weary; we can walk and not faint.

ISAIAH 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

What a glorious scripture! It assures us that God is with us, He is here to help us, and He has obligated Himself to lift us up and strengthen us. Therefore, we do not have to fear. He will see that your healing comes forth! If He said it, He will do it! God says in Isaiah 49:16 that He has inscribed us in the palm of His hand. He will never release His hold on us. No one is able to snatch us out of the Father's hand! Praise the Lord!

ISAIAH 53:4-5

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

This passage contains fundamental truths concerning God's divine provision for mankind. It shows healing to be at the very center of God's will. Many have said these verses refer to spiritual healing, but they actually refer to physical healing. Dr. Isaac Leeser, a renowned Jewish scholar, translates verse 4 as "Our *diseases* did he bear himself and our *pains* he

carried.” If you consult a Hebrew lexicon or if your Bible contains a reference column, you will find the word *griefs* literally means “sickness, disease, weakness” and the word *sorrows* literally means “pains.” This means Jesus took upon Himself our sicknesses and pains. So it becomes obvious that if He took them, there is no need for you and I to bear them.

Verse 5 says Jesus was wounded and afflicted on our behalf because of our sins. It clearly states that by the stripes upon His body, we are healed. We *were* healed and we *are* healed. It is a done deal! As surely as He took care of the sin problem, He also took care of the sickness problem. It took no more to do one than the other. If we believe we are saved through the finished work of the Cross, surely we can believe that by His stripes we are healed! This passage is affirmed in the New Testament in Matthew 8:17 and First Peter 2:24.

For many, this scripture in Isaiah presents a dilemma. Did God lie when He made such a statement? Can He be trusted? The Bible declares from Genesis to Revelation that God cannot lie and that He can be trusted! Note the word *peace* in verse 5. That is a translation of the Hebrew word *shalom*, which means wholeness and completeness, and it carries the connotation of nothing broken, nothing missing, nothing lacking. Our heavenly Father left nothing undone when He sent His Son to take our place on the Cross. He made us whole—spirit, soul, and body!

JEREMIAH 23:29

“Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

What a powerful statement. When you speak the Word faithfully, you are releasing the fire of God. Does not fire burn up everything in its path? If you are consumed with sickness and disease, the fire of God’s Word can burn that thing out of you. That sickness may appear to be rock solid, immovable, and resistant. But when you speak the Word in faith, the hammer of the Word will shatter that rock, the mountain of sickness. It will pulverize it!

JEREMIAH 30:17

“For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,” says the Lord, “Because they called you an outcast saying: ‘This is Zion; no one seeks her.’”

What an outstanding promise God has given! He says He will heal you and restore your health. Even if everyone else gives up on you and calls you hopeless, God still calls you healed and whole. There is no sickness He won't heal because He has already made the provision for your healing. For He has said that by the stripes of Jesus, you are healed!

JEREMIAH 33:3

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

Healing is a great and mighty thing, found throughout the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. Understand that in a time of sickness you can call upon the Lord and He will hear and answer you. Like the leper who called on Jesus and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” Jesus responded to his call and said, “I am willing.” And he was healed.

HOSEA 4:6

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.

In this verse God says His people are destroyed because of what they *do not* know. People are sick and dying every day because they don't know what the Word of God says about healing. God does not want His people to be ignorant. Ignorance, religion, and tradition can make you miss all that God has for you. God tells us in Exodus 15:26 that He is the Lord who heals us! And He says in Psalm 107:20 that He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions.

MATTHEW 8:2-3

And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

The leper said to Jesus, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." This is an age-old question that many are still wondering about today: "I know God *can* heal me, but *will* He heal me?" This scripture forever settles that question. When Jesus said "I will," He was not just saying, "OK, I'll do it." The Greek word translated *will* actually means "to intend, to desire, to take delight in." It is His delight for us to be well, free of sickness, disease, and pain. The Father's intent was for us to be made whole, and Jesus' finished work at the Cross accomplished that. So, praise God, we never have to ask that question again! Not only does this story settle the age-old question of "Will He?" but it also shows the compassion of Jesus. The leper was considered "untouchable." But Jesus didn't hesitate to touch him. No one is untouchable in the eyes of Jesus. He touched him and cleansed him and made him whole, just the same as He heals today.

MATTHEW 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

The Roman centurion came on behalf of his servant asking Jesus to heal him. Jesus offered to go to his house, but the centurion exhibited great faith by saying, "No, just speak the word only and he shall be healed." He did not ask Him to come and lay hands on him or even come to his house. This soldier understood authority and knew that Jesus was under a greater authority. This is a demonstration of one who understood the power of the Word of God and required nothing more. No wonder Jesus exclaimed He had never seen such great faith! As a result, Jesus simply told the man to go his way, and as he had believed it would be done. This is one of two accounts where Jesus marveled at great faith, the other being the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15. It's interesting that both of these were Gentiles, or

non-believers. Both simply took Him at His Word. This sets the example for us to follow. Just take Him at His Word.

MATHEW 8:14-17

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

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."

In this passage, we see Jesus healing by various methods. This shows that there is not just one way to receive your healing. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law by laying his hands upon her. He demonstrated the casting out of demons by the power of His spoken word. Note the passage says He healed *all* who were sick. Another way of healing is simply by the power of the Word of God. Jesus healed people as fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 53:4. Obviously, if He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses, we do not have to bear them. The Lord has provided various ways for people to receive their healing. He made the provision for our healing and wants us to receive it.

MATTHEW 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

This scripture shows us the three major components of the ministry of Jesus. He went about teaching, preaching, and healing. It shows us that healing is just as much a part of the gospel as teaching and preaching. Many people question the healing ministry, whereas the Word showcases its importance as the third part of the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Based on the actions of Jesus, we can see that *all* diseases and sicknesses were healed. Therefore, no disease is exempt from God's healing power.

MATTHEW 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

A Gentile woman, not a covenant child of God, came to Jesus crying out and begging Him to have mercy on her and heal her daughter. She recognized Him as the Son of David and told Him her daughter was demon-possessed. He did not answer her at first but then told her He was there only to help the Israelites. She responded by worshiping Him and saying, "Lord,

help me.” When He said, “It’s not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs,” He was saying, in essence, “It is not right that I give the blessings of God that are reserved for the Israelites to those who are not covenant children of God.”

This woman had great faith. She responded, in essence, “Lord, I know You’re telling the truth, but even those who are not Israelites can be healed by Your words.”

Jesus was astounded and said, “Woman, you have great faith. Let it be done for you as you have desired.” At that very moment, her daughter was healed and set free. Thank God for His mercy and grace and faithfulness to anyone hungry for His Word, no matter their condition or place in society. If they will receive His Word in faith and take it to heart, they too can be healed and set free. His words are the bread of life. And just one crumb is sufficient to bring healing! This is one of only two accounts where Jesus marveled at great faith, the other being the centurion in Matthew 8. Even today, Jesus expects us to show great faith by simply trusting His Word.

MATTHEW 17:14-21

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

A father brought his demon-possessed son for healing to Jesus’ disciples, but they were unable to heal him. The father turned to Jesus and begged for help, and Jesus healed him. Later, when the disciples asked why they couldn’t heal him, Jesus told them it was because of their unbelief. The disciples were being influenced more by what they saw and heard than by their faith. The manifestation of demonic forces had caught them off guard and made them think the demon was bigger than what they could handle. Many see this passage as if the issue is a need for more prayer and fasting in order to gain power over demonic forces, but that is not what it’s about. The disciples had gotten into unbelief and the Lord was teaching them that prayer and fasting is the key to conquering unbelief. Remember, if you find yourself in unbelief, prayer and fasting and focusing on God’s Word is the remedy. Doing this will strengthen your faith. You should keep in mind that while Christians might be oppressed by demonic spirits, they cannot be possessed by them because the Spirit of God lives in them.

MATTHEW 18:19-20

Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

There is nothing stronger than the prayer of agreement. One of the most encouraging things you can do is to find someone who understands the Word of healing and will stand with you—not simply give mental assent, but truly agree with you and believe for your healing. (See commentary on Matthew 18:17, Isaiah 53:4-5, and First Peter 2:24.) If you can’t find

anyone to agree with you, know for a certainty the Holy Spirit agrees with you and you are standing on the unshakeable, solid ground of the Word.

MARK 5:22-24, 35-41

And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

...While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. When He came in, He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.”

And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”

A ruler of the synagogue named Jairus came to Jesus and begged Him to come to his house because his daughter was dying. He asked Jesus to come and lay hands on her that she may be healed and live. Jesus said OK, as He always does, and went with him. Before they got to the house, a

messenger came, saying, “Don’t bother Jesus. The child is dead.” Jesus overheard this, but those words did not disturb Him. Before Jairus could even respond, Jesus told him, “Do not fear. Just believe Me. I’m going to do what you have asked.”

Jesus was telling him to hold on to his faith. In Jesus’ mind, nothing had changed. Jesus went into the house, taking only Peter, James, and John with Him, putting out those who were wailing. In the midst of a crisis, surround yourself only with people of faith. Jesus took the child by the hand and told her to get up. And she got up, completely healed! Jairus had received a word from Jesus. Once you hear the Word of God, do not let anything or anyone move you off that word. With God, all things are possible!

MARK 5:25-33

Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?”

But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”

And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

This woman is an example of great and persistent faith. She had an issue of blood for twelve years and had gone to every doctor in town, spent all her money, and was no better—actually worse. She had heard about Jesus and His healing powers. She made up her mind that somehow, somehow, she was going to get to Him. She said to herself that if she could just touch His clothes she would be healed. When she got there, there was a huge crowd around Jesus. She pushed her way through, even knowing that according to Jewish law she was “unclean” and could be stoned for being in public. But she was determined to get to this Man whom she believed could heal her. She touched His clothes just as she had said, and was instantly healed. Jesus told her that her faith had made her whole. She did not ask Jesus for anything. She had determined that getting to Him and touching Him would be sufficient. Many were touching Him that day, but she was the only one who touched Him with faith, believing to receive.

The woman could feel when she was healed. This is the only scripture where feeling is associated with healing. Healing is not based on feeling; it's based on faith. Make the decision that you are going to believe God's Word. Then make your statement of faith. Continue to confess God's Word in faith, believing you will receive. And like this woman, persevere in the pursuit of your healing.

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 marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Jesus arrived in His home town and on the Sabbath began teaching in the synagogue. The people were amazed and astonished at His wisdom and the mighty works He performed. Because of their familiarity with Him, they refused to believe in Him as a prophet or healer. Because they had lived with Him all those years and were so familiar with Him, they refused to recognize God in and upon His life. Because of their *unbelief*, He could do no mighty works there. He was only able to heal a few people with minor illnesses. Jesus was shocked and stunned at their unbelief. It's amazing how the power of unbelief can block us from receiving all that God has for us.

MARK 9:14-29

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?”

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

This is the same incident described in Matthew 17:14-21. But in this account emphasis is placed on Jesus’ statement that all things are possible to him who believes. The father wondered if Jesus could heal his son. It’s not a question of whether Jesus can heal; it’s a question of whether or not we can believe. No sickness, no disease, no demonic oppression is beyond God’s help if you will simply believe! You should keep in mind that while Christians might be oppressed by demonic spirits, they cannot be possessed by them because the Spirit of God lives in them.

MARK 10:46-52

Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the

son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

This blind beggar is a perfect example of how one’s life can be changed by faith in Jesus. Bartimaeus had heard that Jesus was coming down the road. When he heard the crowd and was aware Jesus was near, he began to cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” By calling Him “Son of David,” he was acknowledging Him as the Messiah. When he cried, “Have mercy on me,” he was saying, “Help me because I cannot help myself.”

The crowd told him to be quiet. But he determined to yell even louder. He was not going to be denied. Jesus stopped and commanded him to come to Him. Bartimaeus, in faith, threw aside his cloak. This was a beggar’s cloak, his license to beg. By casting it aside he was saying, “I’m through with being blind, I’m through with being a beggar, I’m through with the old life.” Do you understand the magnitude of what he did? This was a gesture of great faith. He had not yet gone to Jesus, not yet received his miracle. He had decided, “I’m not going back the way I came.” He made his way to Jesus in great expectation. When Jesus asked what he wanted Him to do for him, he knew exactly what he wanted—to receive his sight. Jesus said to him, as he had to so many others, “Receive what you have believed for.” And Bartimaeus received His sight. It was his faith that made him whole—no longer blind, no longer a beggar, no longer dependent on others, for his entire life had been transformed by faith in Jesus!

MARK 11:22-24

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 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.”

This is a classic scripture for receiving from God. The emphasis of this passage is to have faith in God who gives us authority to speak to our mountains. A mountain represents obstacles and hindrances in our lives. Any person of faith has been empowered to speak to a mountain, whatever it might be—disease, pain, marriage problems, financial setbacks, whatever—and tell it to be removed. I’ve often stated I’m a “whosoever” going after my “whatsoever.” In between me and my “whatsoever” is a mountain, and it can be removed by speaking to it. If one believes in their heart and is convinced that what they say will come to pass, they will have what they say.

Don’t be concerned about how big your problem is. Stay focused on how big your God is. The more you talk about the problem, the bigger it becomes in your eyes. But when you speak to the mountain, your faith-filled words will demolish it, making way for you to receive your “whatsoever” (healing). We must believe that we receive healing even with no evidence that we are healed. You release your faith by saying with your mouth what you believe in your heart. The more you say it, the more you believe it. So, when do you have your healing? After you believe you receive.

MARK 16:17-18

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.

This scripture is part of the great commission that Jesus gave to all believers stating what He had empowered them to do. Included in that is the power for any and every believer to lay hands on the sick and believe they will recover, just as the Word says. It has been said that healing and other spiritual gifts ceased after the passing of the apostles. However, Jesus gave this great commission to believers for any age. Just as Jesus expects believers to preach the gospel today, He also expects us to lay hands on the sick, expecting them to be healed.

LUKE 5:17-26

Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and

walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

I’ve always said everybody needs four “crazy” friends! This paralyzed man had friends who were faithful—faith-filled. Their faith and their concern for their friend led them to do something rather crazy. They carried this paralyzed man up a ladder, onto the roof of a house, then pulled the tiles off the roof and lowered the man down into the house! Why did they go to so much trouble? They had heard about this Man Jesus who could heal. The house was filled to overflowing, and there was no other way in. They had to get their friend to Jesus. When Jesus looked up and saw those men, what He saw was faith in action. He healed the paralytic.

Everyone needs four “crazy” friends with strong faith who are determined to help you receive what God has provided for you. Isn’t it amazing that the power of God was present to heal anyone who needed healing, but only one received—this man who was determined not to be denied. Yet it was available for everyone. Another interesting thing is that Jesus first said to the man, “Your sins are forgiven.” That’s a strange thing to say to someone who needs healing. But in the actions of Jesus, forgiveness and healing were often demonstrated together. Jesus asked the scribes this question: “Which is easier to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you’ or ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?” One is just as easy for God as the other. It’s just as easy to receive healing as it is to receive forgiveness. As I often say, “It’s six of one, half a dozen of the other.” People tend to make healing difficult. But it’s as simple as taking God at His Word. Jesus said to the man, “Rise, and take up your bed, and go your way to your house.” So he did! The people were amazed and they glorified

God. Many today are amazed when they discover the Lord is still in the healing business! Jesus—the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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 His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

In this incident, the Lord clearly shows a direct relationship between demonic forces and sickness. This woman had been bound by satan and Jesus called it what it was—a spirit of infirmity. No matter the condition, the root cause of all sickness is demonic oppression. Jesus said He came to destroy the works of the devil (see 1 John 3:8). This woman had been bound by the enemy for eighteen long years, but in one moment Jesus broke the power of the enemy and set her free. You don't have to be bound by sickness either. Your faith in the finished work of the Cross where Jesus bore your sins and your sickness can do for you what Jesus did for this woman.

LUKE 13:16

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?

Jesus' reasoning was simply that this woman's position as a daughter of Abraham entitled her to be healed. If that was true for her, *how much more*

for us who have been purchased by the Blood of Jesus and are now children of God! Jesus came to set us free of all the oppression of the enemy and provide healing for each of us.

JOHN 4:46-53

So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

In Canaan, a nobleman whose son was sick and at the point of death came to Jesus. He had heard Jesus was a healer and believed his son would die unless Jesus came and healed him. Jesus told the man to go back home, that his son would live. Many have wondered why Jesus said to this man, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe." The nobleman was trusting in the Man Jesus and His ability to lay hands on the sick and heal them. But Jesus wanted him to simply trust His word. So He sent the

man away with the assurance that his son was well and would live. The nobleman had nothing to rely on except the words of Jesus.

We don't know how long it took him to get home, but to his credit he acted simply on the words of Jesus. He had no Bible, no Scripture book, not even a smartphone or tablet. He had no assurance except repeating over and over to himself what Jesus had told him. Remember, faith comes by hearing the Word. He had to settle in his heart that the word he received from Jesus was sufficient to save his son. On his way home, his servants met him and told him that his son was alive and well—just like Jesus said. He asked at what time the son began to get better. It was at the exact time that Jesus told him his son would live. This miraculous healing so touched this man and his family that his entire household believed in Jesus. This is another example of the power of the Word of God and the impact it can have on one who will simply take God at His Word.

JOHN 5:2-9

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

There were many at the pool that day who needed healing, but Jesus was directed by the Holy Spirit to this one man. Through the word of knowledge, He knew this man had been infirmed for thirty-eight years. It was also why He asked him if he wanted to be made well. He already knew what the man's excuse would be. Despite the fact this man displayed no signs of faith, Jesus, empowered with the gift of healing, healed him. As stated in First Corinthians 12, there are many gifts of the Spirit, but it is the Holy Spirit who brings forth the manifestation. No one can make the gifts be in operation apart from the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Even Jesus had to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, operating in the gifts of the Spirit in order to bring this healing forth.

JOHN 9:1-7

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Assuming this man's blindness was due to a specific sin, the disciples asked Jesus who was to blame. Jesus explained this is not about whose sin caused the sickness. Sickness is a direct result of the fall of man. When sin entered the world, sickness, affliction, and death also entered in. Jesus is not interested in ascribing blame for sickness but in undoing the works of the

enemy. The healing of this man revealed the heart and compassion of God, and it brought God glory.

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, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Healing is included in abundant life. This scripture makes it very clear that it is *not* Jesus who steals and kills and destroys but that it is the great thief, satan himself. He will use sickness, disease, or anything else to accomplish death and destruction. The Bible teaches that Jesus came to destroy all works of the devil, thereby establishing for us a pathway to victorious living. Jesus said that He came with a purpose. He came to destroy the works of the enemy. He came so we could have and enjoy life free from sickness. He wanted us to have a super abundance of life that abounds in healing, health, and wholeness.

ACTS 3:1-8

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right

hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

This event took place after Jesus had been resurrected and the power of the Holy Spirit had been imparted to believers. It is the first recorded miracle performed by the disciples. Peter and John went to the temple to pray and encountered a man lying by the temple gate begging for money. He had been lame from birth. He had never stood, never walked, never run, never danced. Peter and John fastened their eyes on him and told him to look at them. The man looked at them expecting to receive coins from them. Peter said, “We don’t have any money, but we have something else we can give you that is far more valuable.” Then Peter commanded him, “In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” Then Peter took him by the hand and lifted him up and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength and he was healed. He jumped and leaped and praised God. Everybody saw him leaping and yelling in excitement. And the people were filled with wonder and amazement at what they had seen that day—all because of the power of the Name of Jesus. When we speak in Jesus’ Name, we are exercising the divine authority He has given us. It worked for Peter and John, and it still works for anyone who believes in that Name!

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.

This scripture illustrates how Father God empowered Jesus with the Holy Spirit so that He could accomplish the good will of the Father. The word *power* in this verse is the Greek word *dunamis*, which means “power, might, a great force, great ability and strength.” *Dunamis* is the Greek word

from which our English word *dynamite* is derived. The *dunamis* power in Jesus resulted in dramatic transformations in people's lives. This is the norm for the Spirit-filled, Spirit-empowered Church! That *dunamis* power enabled Jesus to destroy the works of the devil.

This scripture shows a correlation between sickness and demonic oppression. That doesn't mean that every person who is sick has a demon. It simply means they are under the oppression of the enemy. We know that sin came into the world with the fall of man, sickness being one of the results. But Jesus came to destroy all the works of the devil. He went about doing good, healing and delivering all who were oppressed.

ACTS 14:8-10

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

Paul, a man mighty in spirit and power, was preaching in Lystra. There was a man there who had been crippled his entire life. Paul observed that the man was listening intently to every word. Paul saw faith arising in this man as he heard the truth of God's Word. The Word of God produces faith in us. When Paul saw the man's faith had arisen to the point of him being ready to receive, Paul commanded him to stand on his feet and instantly the man leaped up and walked. Everyone was amazed and astonished at the results. What a marvelous example of the power of faith in action!

ROMANS 4:19-21

And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

This fabulous miracle came about simply because Abraham made a decision to believe God. He only had two choices—to believe God or believe his five senses. He refused to be moved off of God's promise. God sees only two things—belief or unbelief. Abraham chose to lock in with God and his faith was strengthened, which enabled him to continuously give glory to God. The more he glorified God, the more convinced he became that God would do what He said He would do. We can do the same. We can thank God and give Him glory because of the healing He provided us through the Cross. This one-hundred-year-old man and ninety-year-old woman gave birth to the nation of Israel. No wonder he is called the father of our faith!

ROMANS 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

What a life-giving scripture! If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, you are born again and the Holy Spirit lives in you. This means your spirit has been raised from the dead and filled with power from above! This is resurrection power! This same Holy Spirit-given power can bring life and health to your body. Release your faith for this same resurrection power to

work mightily within you. Isn't it amazing the provisions God has made and provides for us through His Spirit!

ROMANS 10:8-10

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Many regard this as a key scripture for salvation but fail to see its application for healing. The Greek word translated here as *saved* is *sozo*, which means "salvation, healing, deliverance, preservation, kept safe and sound, and to be made whole." So whatever you're going through, including illness, you can be assured that God will always bring you through victoriously. This scripture says if you will confess Jesus as Lord you will be *saved*. Because the word *sozo* encompasses not only salvation but also healing, this means you can confess Jesus not only as your Savior but also as your Healer.

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").

According to Deuteronomy 28:15-68, sin, sickness, disease, and death are all a part of the curse. But when Jesus hung on the Cross, He took upon

Himself the curse. He made a great exchange. He took our sins, our diseases, our afflictions upon Himself and in return gave to us life, healing, health, wholeness, and well-being. Therefore, we are no longer accursed by sickness; we have been redeemed from it.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

When we choose to believe the Word of God for healing, the healing is initiated in us and will continue to work within us to total completion. What He begins, He finishes. As Jeremiah 1:12 states, God oversees His Word to perform it and bring it to pass. Be reminded that faith is released with your mouth. The more you glorify God and speak His healing Word and thank Him for your healing, the more the power continues to work in your life.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

This scripture is about the sovereignty of God and the working of His good will and pleasure in our lives. This principle can be applied to healing. The scriptures reveal, time and time again, that it is His will and desire that we be healed and live in good health. God Himself works in us to produce the healing He has provided for us. It is amazing that not only is it His will, but it is His good pleasure to see us walking in abundant health and life. What a joy to know that God loves us so much!

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

This amazing Scripture tells us, no matter what you are going through, God does not want us to be anxious or worried. God will give you His peace, and it will go beyond your natural ability to comprehend or understand your circumstances. This is accomplished through prayers of thanksgiving for who God is and what He has done. The Lord wants your heart and mind guarded from fear and anxiety. Remember, the Scriptures tell us to guard our heart because out of it flows the issues of life. Such life is free of fear, anxiety, and worry. God wants us to have an abundant life filled with the love, joy, and peace that He provides for us.

HEBREWS 10:35 NASB

Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Once you have settled it in your heart that God's Word on healing is true, and you won't quit or give up, your healing will come forth. One of the important keys for healing is to hold on to your confidence in God. That simply means you lean on, trust in, and rely on God and the validity of His Word. Know in your heart that your faith will be rewarded.

HEBREWS 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What is it that you're hoping for from God? Your faith will produce it. Perhaps you haven't seen the manifestation of it yet, but your faith will bring it about. The rest of this chapter proves that statement over and over again—everyday people believing God, trusting in Him, relying on Him, taking Him at His Word. They received by faith what would be impossible apart from God. Faith is simply seeing things through God's eyes (through His Word).

HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

If Jesus was ever the healer, He still is. The same Jesus who healed when He was on the earth is the same Jesus who heals today. He is the Lord and He changes not. This scripture totally refutes the myth that healing passed away with the apostles or that healing is not for today. Jesus, the Great Physician, still lives and heals today!

JAMES 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Healing is a good gift from God above. God is not the "giver" of sickness. God is such a wonderful, kind, loving, and generous God. He withholds no good gift from us. He does not want us to be sick, weak, or

infirm. He wants us healthy and whole. He sent His Son who paid the price and purchased our healing. Glory to God! He is the provider of health and well-being. Because He loves and cares about us, He is the great gift-giver who provides us with every good gift!

JAMES 5:13-15

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

This is an interesting scripture that few pay attention to. It states that if anyone is going through trials or difficulties, he should pray. If one is merry or happy, he should sing and praise God. If one is sick, he should call for the leaders of the church to anoint him with oil and pray. The oil is symbolic of a consecration, an entrusting of the sick person to the Lord, and the joyous presence of the Holy Spirit to bring healing. This is a fundamental doctrine of the Church. The calling for the leaders to anoint with oil and pray is an act of faith. Believers have that right and should expect their healing. The leaders of the church have been granted the responsibility of carrying out this doctrine with the same expectation for healing.

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 scripture affirms Isaiah 53:4-5. It states Jesus not only took care of our sins at Calvary but also our sicknesses. The phrase “by His wounds (stripes) you were healed” means He made provision for our healing. This verse implies that healing is a “done deal” that was completed thousands of years ago. We do not have to beg God to heal us because His Word clearly states He has already accomplished that. The Lord wants us to believe what He has said and simply take Him at His word. By His stripes you were healed!

1 JOHN 3:8

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Sickness is certainly not a work of God; it’s a work of the devil. In the Bible, in the first two chapters of Genesis, we see no mention of sickness. That’s because the devil had not yet moved in to deceive God’s people. But then we see him coming in and deceiving Adam and Eve, causing the sin and fall of man. After that we begin to read about sickness upon the earth. The devil is the initiator of sickness and disease. But, praise God, the Bible tells us Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil! And He did it through the work of the cross. At the cross Jesus paid the price for not only our salvation, but for our healing. Healing belongs to us!

1 JOHN 5:14-15

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Are you confident that when you call on God He hears you? This scripture boldly states if we ask according to God's will, He will hear us. How do we know His will? By reading His Word. His Word and His will are one and the same. If we present God's Word to Him, we can be assured that He will hear us and we will receive those things we have asked for. That includes healing.

3 JOHN 2

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

This verse clearly states the Lord desires that His people be in good health. The way for your body to be healed and healthy is for your soul (mind, will, emotions) to be renewed by God's Word. In other words, think God's thoughts. Search out what God says about healing and get into agreement with it. God has made the way for us to live a healthy, prosperous life. God loves and desires only good things for His people. Healing is a good thing.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

When we pray for healing or for anything else, it is important that we pray God's Word. We speak God's Word in faith, believing in our hearts that His Word is true, His Word is powerful, and His Word is affecting change. Paul said in Second Corinthians 4:13, "*I believe and therefore I speak*" (TLB). The Bible says in Job 22:28, "*You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you.*" The Word has the power to establish a thing. You will find that speaking and declaring the Word of God over your life and your circumstances will bring positive change and great blessings.

The Lord said to Jeremiah, "*I am ready to perform My Word*" (Jer. 1:12). In other words, the Lord is watching and listening for His Word, and when He hears it being spoken, He then performs it. He brings it to pass. But we must give Him something to work with! Isaiah 55:10 tells us that speaking the Word is like watering seed. He goes on to say in verse 22 that His Word will not return void (without effect), but it will accomplish (work, produce, bring about); it will prosper (advance, make progress). His Word accomplishes much in our hearts and lives!

When Jesus was confronted by satan, His response was to speak God's Word. He said, "It is written," and then quoted what was in the written Word of God. He did it each time He was tempted. That's all He did. He simply spoke God's Word (see Matt. 4:1-11). That's how Jesus fought the enemy—with the sword of the Word. Well, if it was important for the Son of God to speak it, then it must be very important for you and me. He is our example. Know and believe that God's Word contains power and authority to bring healing and so much more. His Word can break bondages, fix broken relationships, calm the storms, bring you peace, and provide you with answers for every problem you will ever face!

One word of caution—guard against speaking words that are negative. Don't allow yourself to speak anything that contradicts the Word of God. The Bible tells us "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue*" (Prov. 18:21). What does that mean? Simply this: You get what you say! Our

words have power. If we speak about the symptoms or the doctor's report, we are speaking words of death because sickness is of the kingdom of darkness, and that kingdom is all about death. Believe God's Word with all your heart and then refuse to speak anything that contradicts it.

One last thing. Persevere. If you believe the Word in your heart and you speak it in faith, you can expect to see a change in your circumstances. But it may not come immediately. Don't get discouraged. Don't give up. Rarely is a person healed by speaking God's Word one time. It takes perseverance. Be determined to speak it until that condition, that symptom, that pain yields to the power of the Word. Hold on to your confidence in the Lord. You can trust God's unquestionable faithfulness to His Word. He has magnified His Word even above His Name!

The following prayer is given as an example of a prayer that includes God's Word. You can pray this one, or you may decide to craft your own. Just make sure it includes the Word of God pertaining to healing. Pray it regularly, believing that you are going to see a turnaround in your situation. The provision for healing was included in the atonement at Calvary. Healing was purchased for you and me. Healing belongs to you! Believe that in your heart. Confess it in faith. And watch the power of His Word bring it to pass!

Lord, I know that Your will for me is wholeness—spirit, soul, and body. You made the provision for my healing, and I am determined to walk in health. I declare that I have been redeemed from the curse of the Law and from every sickness and disease that came into the world because of the curse. I declare that I am redeemed from this disease, and I will not accept it any longer. I know that sickness and disease is a lie from the enemy. Your Word says that I have been made whole; therefore, I will not accept the lie. I will believe and confess the truth of Your Word, and I will see my healing manifested in my body. I thank You, Lord, for the marvelous work of Calvary. I thank You for wholeness—nothing missing, nothing broken, nothing lacking. I declare that by Your stripes I am healed!

ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

—JOHN 3:3 KJV

Being born again is *the most* important event in the life of any human. In that moment, our eternal destination is changed and we have a home in Heaven with God. At the same time, God comes to live within us by His Spirit. Being born again allows us to know God and be in relationship with Him. He guides us, helps us, counsels us, provides for us, protects us. He gives us His love, His joy, His peace, and so much more.

God loves you more than you know. And He so desires to be in relationship with you. We are born again and enter into this relationship by accepting His Son Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary for us and was resurrected from the grave. He allowed Himself to be sacrificed in our place so our sins could be forgiven and we could begin life anew. If you would like to enter into a relationship with God—a relationship like no other—pray this prayer to Him out loud, sincerely meaning it in your heart:

Heavenly Father, I ask You to forgive me of all my sins. I believe You sent Your Son Jesus to pay the penalty for those sins. I believe He died for me and rose from the grave that I might walk in newness of life. I ask to receive Jesus as my Savior. I want Him to come into my heart and be Lord of my life. Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your life for me. Thank You for making me new.

Romans 10 tells us that if we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved.

If you just prayed that prayer from your heart, you are now born again, born from above, born of the Spirit! Welcome to the family of God! The Bible tells us in Second Corinthians 5:17 that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation and old things have passed away and all things have become new. All your sins have been wiped away and you are beginning your life anew!

Now that you are born again, it's important that you find a church that believes and teaches the Word of God so you can become grounded in the Word and have fellowship with other believers. Ask the Lord to lead you to the church He wants you to attend. Begin to read the Bible each day. That's how we grow spiritually. His Word is His way of helping you know Him and know His ways. The Holy Spirit who is living within you is your Teacher and will help you understand God's Word and bring you revelation about Jesus. As you read the Word, your mind is being renewed day by day and God is helping you to think like He thinks. That's how we walk in victory! Walking in relationship with God is a wonderful adventure. Getting to know the Lord is a fun and exciting lifelong journey that will bring you such joy.

Always remember God loves you and you are very precious to Him. He will always be with you and will never leave you. He has a wonderful plan for your life, a plan that will unfold itself as you walk with Him day by day. Love Him. Worship Him. Live for Him. He loves you so!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

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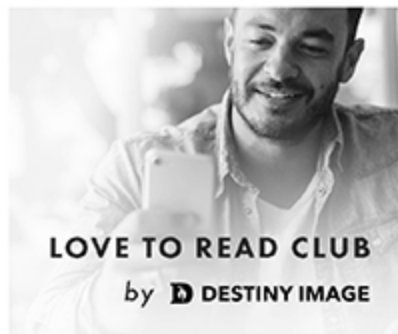
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