

MINISTERING TO THE LORD PT 1

Understanding this teaching will help you to keep or maintain your healing.

The church needs to understand some simple truths about healing.

1) IT IS GOD'S WILL TO HEAL JUST LIKE IT IS GOD'S WILL TO SAVE.

2) HEALING COMES 2 WAYS

A) FAITH COMES FROM THE WORD AND IS APPROPRIATED TO RECEIVE HEALING POWER. (ALL WHO CAME TO JESUS THIS WAY IN SCRIPTURE WERE HEALED) MAN INITIATES HEALING.

B) THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ARE IN MANIFESTATION (NOT EVERYONE IN SCRIPTURE WHO NEEDED HEALTH RECEIVED A MIRACLE) GOD INITIATES HEALING.

1) WORKING OF MIRACLES

2) GIFTS OF HEALING

3) SPECIAL FAITH

NOTE: GIFTS CAN'T BE MANUFACTURED BY MAN, IT IS AS THE SPIRIT WILLS. (Pool of Bethesda John 5:1 - ?) One of many got healed As Jesus initiated the healing. The gifts worked, not faith – he didn't Even know who Jesus was.

Jesus wasn't manifesting miracles to each sick person proclaiming himself as deity.

Jesus set his deity aside to come serve us as a man.

Jesus was a man, anointed with the Holy Ghost and power who was lead by the Holy Ghost to operate in the Gifts of the Spirit, as the Spirit wills.

He showed us what we are suppose to be doing.

If the Gifts are not in manifestation, then you teach them the Word and faith come to their heart and they can be healed by faith.

If you look at Mark 4:4 parable of the Sower and you'll see that only ¼ of the people who heard the Word, produced fruit. That means only 1 out of 4 people who need healing will hear the Word and be good soil where the Word takes root and yields fruit or a healing.

What do we do to help the other ¾ of the people?

They have to be healed through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. (May teach on these next)

This teaching is for this purpose:

We have to make ourselves available to the Holy Spirit on behalf of others – to be used in the Gifts of the Spirit. (don't have time to teach on them)

Mark 6:1-6

6:1 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

2And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

4But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

5And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

6And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

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Luke 4:16-30

16And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

28And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

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Sensitive to what is going on around you. Example:
Restaurants, Mall, Prayer meeting Sat.

2 people had headaches

Acts 13:1-4

13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

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The purpose of these men gathering was to minister to the Lord.

They didn't go to God with all their problems.

They weren't having a prayer meeting about Barnabas and Saul even though they get pulled out of the group as a result of this prayer meeting.

They came together all fasting, all praying but their purpose was simply to minister to the Lord.

1) MINISTERING TO THE LORD IS WHAT WE ARE DISCUSSING TONIGHT.
WE WILL DEFINE WHAT THAT MEANS IN A MOMENT.

2) I want you to see that by MINISTERING TO THE LORD, they sensitized themselves to hear from the Holy Ghost who in the environment of Ministering to the Lord could SPEAK TO THEM CONCERNING BARNABUS AND SAUL.

Tell story of Lady at Rhema healing school with heart tumor - healed

Came regularly to maintain healing.

Arm swelled from Lymphoma. Intercession all week, nothing.

Called Dr. Hagin. Minister to the Lord.

If the H.S. want to speak to her or you or prayers He can.

Sick lady heard from H.S. – change words, and diet. GOT HEALED!

3) Notice in Acts, they didn't minister or talk about the Lord, but TO THE LORD.

Acts 16:25-36

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.

36And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

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Col 3:15-17

15And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful**.

16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God and the Father** by him.

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Eph 5:19-20

19**Speaking** to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and **making melody in your heart to the Lord**;

20**Giving thanks** always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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IS MINISTERING TO THE LORD SINGING ONLY? NO

4)MINISTERING TO THE LORD IS GIVING THANKS – IT’S LOVING THE LORD BY EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE – THROUGH SINGING, GIVING THANKS VERBALLY, PRAISING HIM.

Acts 16:25

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Praises: literally means EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

You can minister to the Lord with different activities (yeah for those of us who only make a joyful noise and can't sing very well)
SINGING, SPEAKING, GIVING PRAISE, GIVING THANKS.

Easier to do if you Word of God is in you like Col 3:15-17 says,
And the Word of Christ dwells in you richly.

Notice all passages make mention that it is TO THE LORD.
It one thing to talk about what someone has done, but to thank them personally for it brings in new meaning.

It's important to know
Who we are in Christ
Who devil is

More important to know who God is
And be thankful for who is AND for what he's done

SEPARATE THE WHO FROM THE DO (Card of who he is)

We're soooooo busy we don't take the time to thank God for who He is,
And we don't always know how to thank him.

HOW TO MINISTER TO THE LORD:

- a) Ask yourself WHO IS GOD TO ME AND WHAT HAS HE DONE FOR ME
(I.E. saved you, healed you, delivered, peace, finances, help, comfort)
- b) Ask yourself WHAT VALUE DO I PLACE ON WHO GOD IS TO ME AND WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ME
- c) ALL THAT WILL BE LEFT TO DO IS TO VERBALLY THANK HIM, and SING! (mention what you are thankful for, not just thankyu, thank you)

Heb 13:15

15By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

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This is ministering to the Lord and it brings him pleasure.
It also puts us in a position for the miraculous.
It puts us in a position to hear from the Holy Ghost.

5) GOD DESIRES THANKSGIVING

Luke 17:11-19

11And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

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Ps 150:1 - Prov 1:1

150:1Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

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Ps 136:1 TURN TO THIS AND READ

136:1O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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