

**WHAT HINDERS HEALING**  
**PART 4**

**INIQUITY (SIN) IN THE HEART**

Do we hide sin, or iniquity in our heart? I like what David said;

Ps 66:18

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:  
(KJV)

When we are believing for healing, we must get ourselves in a position where nothing at all hinders the flow of God's healing power.

Ps 51:9-13

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.  
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.  
11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
(KJV)

Iniquity and sin are by definition almost completely the same. They both are defined in Hebrew and in Greek as "sin, fault, mischief, offend. Iniquity refers more to "Moral evil." A violation of natural law or spiritual law (unrighteousness). Sin refers more to crime, error, missing the mark.

We must put sin away from us.  
I do not want to preach sin consciousness.

I like how F.F.Bosworth put it in his book, Christ The Healer, "God has not promised to destroy the works of the devil in the body while we are clinging to the works of the devil in our soul."

Having unconfessed sin in your heart will hinder you from receiving the mercy of God.

Prov 28:13

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.  
(KJV)

I'm not saying always, but sometimes we can be afflicted because of iniquity, or sin. We sometimes can make wrong choices and walk ourselves right into destruction.

Ps 107:17-22

17 Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

20 he sent forth his word, and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men!

22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

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Let's look at a few examples in scripture.

First, let's turn to John 5:1-15 and talk about the man at the pool known as Bethesda.

John 5:1-15

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

(KJV)

Lokk again at verse 14. It says, "SIN NO MORE, LEST A WORSE THING COME UNTO THEE."

Obviously there was a sin issue in his life that Jesus felt the need to search him out in the temple and warn him. We all know if there is some issue that separates us from the Lord., because our hearts condemn us. I don't want anyone digging up old skeletons because of this teaching. Have spiritual ears to hear what I'm saying. If your heart condemns you, confess your sin. Remove this obstacle of transgression, so the healing power of God can flow freely again.

I Jn 3:18-22

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

(KJV)

Another example was the paralytic man "borne by four."

Luke 5:15-26

15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

(KJV)

Jesus has power to forgive and to heal. Often both were accomplished at the same time. You