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Healing

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The first issue concerning healing is, is it God's will to heal? This question is the main thing that trips people up. Why didn't I get healed? Why did God allow that in that person's life? We have to settle it that God is all powerful and all knowing. But we also have to realize we have an enemy here upon the earth and that is the devil. Jesus himself told us who our enemy is in **John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. The devil will try to first steal our health, to kill our life, or destroy us in any way possible. Jesus said he wishes to give us abundant life. The word abundant means exceedingly above, excessive. This kind of life is to cover every area of our lives. Just like anything we have in Christ, healing is received the same way, by faith! Healing is a covenant promise to his children. His word promises healing in several places. **Psa 30:2** O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. Notice this is past tense. **Psa 107:20** He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Healing is in his word. **Matt 8:8** The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. **Prov. 4:20-22** My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

How can the word of God be health unto us? In it issues the wellspring of life. **Prov. 16:22** Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly. It contains the promises we have as children of God. It gives us, freedom from the past, answers to life now, and hope for tomorrow. In the word of God we build our faith to receive the fullness of our redemption. Part of the inheritance we receive is healing and wholeness. Just understanding what God has done for us, and decide to be joyful in who our God is can make a difference in how we approach our healing. **Pro. 17:22** A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Our attitude helps us keep our healing. But we also see if we allow ourselves to be broken down it dries up our bones. This means it literally takes the marrow or life out of the inner most part of us.

When we understand God forgives our sin, which seems hard for us to realize, He can easily heal us of our diseases. **Psa 103:3** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Here we see the promise in God's word is to heal all our iniquities, and all our diseases. **Jer. 17:14** Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

There are many examples of healing in the Bible by Jesus during His time upon the earth. There are 25 different types of healings Jesus did in the Bible this does not include the many listed in the Book of Acts. Here is a partial list:

Leprosy healed: **Matt 8:2, Luke 17:11,**

Demonic man healed: **Mark 2:13, Matt 17:14,**

Blind healed: **Matt 9:27, Mark 8:22, Matt 20:29, John 9:1**

Lame healed: **Matt 9:20,**

Dead raised: **Luke 7:25, Matt 9:18, John 11:54**

Deaf and Dumb healed: **Matt 12:22, Mark 7:32,**

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Dropsy healed [Luke 14:1](#)

Hand healed: [Matt 12:9](#)

As we can see these cover a wide spectrum of different types of healings. A little known fact is there are 39 major disease categories in the medical field. Jesus took 39 stripes upon his back, each one representing his blood covering each category. [1 Peter 2:21-24](#) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. [Isiah 53:5](#) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Why doesn't everyone receive healing? Some may have doubt and unbelief. Some may have not read God's word and realize they can be healed. I have even seen some who like to be sick for the attention it gives them. The list can go on and on. We have to realize to the degree we have yielded our lives to God, that is the degree he can work in us. Jesus commissioned his disciples after his resurrection to heal the sick. [Mark 16: 15-18](#) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

This is why we lay hands on the sick person. Notice the person praying is to be the one believing. Does the other person need to believe? Yes. Where two agree as touching anything, it shall be done. Not only does the prayer of agreement need to happen, but the person needs to be willing to receive.

It all comes back to our faith walk in Christ. Seeing the promises, believing the Word of God, allowing Him in our life, and not giving up, but staying in an attitude of believing. God is more willing to give, than we are to receive. Through faith and patience we receive the promises. Remember; When having done all stand! [Eph 6:13](#). Additional verses: [Matt. 4:23, 7:7, 7:11, 14:14, 15:30, 19:2, Mark 1:34, 5:34, 10:52, 11:22-24, Luke 6:19, John 14:13-14, Acts 10:38, 3 John 2, Malachi 4:2, Ex. 15:26, James 5:15, Psalms 6:2, 41:4, 91:9-10, Prov. 3:7-8](#)

