

## *Divine Healing*

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Dear Friend and Partner,

Proverbs 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.**

Isaiah 53:4,5: **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.**

Matthew 8:17: **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.**

1 Peter 2:24: **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.**

Galatians 3:13,14: **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

These are scriptures you can use to believe God for divine healing. It's good to read them every day, memorize them, and quote them to yourself. This will help us keep ourselves built up in God's Word so we can stay fully persuaded that it is NEVER God's will for us to be sick.

Once we receive Jesus as our Lord, we become God's children (Galatians 3:26). And as God's child, there is never one moment of your life that God wants you to experience any kind of pain or discomfort.

You and I live in this world; therefore, as long as we're here, we're always going to be faced with doubt and unbelief. That is one of the reasons it's so important to put time in God's Word every day... **quality time**. Another reason is that you want to keep your mind and heart filled with God's Word. Our flesh may not want to do it at first, but we can discipline and train it. If we keep ourselves strong in God's Word, eventually our flesh will reap the benefits of the time we spend in God's Word (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Every day, thank God that you've got good health according to His Word: **Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.** 3 John 2

If you have some kind of physical challenge or if you have symptoms, begin to thank God for what His Word says about you. You can say something like this: **Father God, I thank You that Jesus took my infirmities, bare my sicknesses, and by His stripes, I am healed.**

You may be in a real battle with the devil trying to convince you that you're not going to get healed this time. You may not even realize these thoughts are from him, but the devil tries to bring doubt and unbelief to you.

2 Corinthians 10:4,5: **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

James 4:7: **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

Those thoughts of fear, unbelief and doubt come to all of us, especially when we're believing God for something, and they need to be addressed. So when the thought comes to you that you are not going to be healed this time, you need to say, **'Satan, I'm not trying to get healed; Jesus already got it for me. For it's written...'** and quote those last six words of 1 Peter 2:24, which says, **"...by whose stripes ye were healed."**

Or maybe thoughts come to you such as: *'I wonder why I haven't gotten healed.'* If you allow yourself to think this way, it's going to hinder you more than you may realize.

First of all, no one can ever be good enough to get healed. You're not reading healing scriptures every day to try to earn healing from God. As believers, we're not to get sick, but if that happens, we do have divine healing in our covenant. It belongs to us; it's a gift from God. Everything God has for us is on a **gift** basis. We're to receive whatever it may be by faith. Receiving divine healing is the same way: you receive it as a gift from God through faith.

Jesus said in John 15:7: **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Joshua 1:8: **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

Any time we're in a trial, or when it seems our faith isn't producing, we want to increase our time in the Word. Read the New Testament every day until you become established in who you are in Christ Jesus. Then you will become more ready for the Old Testament (Hebrews 8:6). But always put more time in the New Testament, highlighting promises in your Bible and focusing on verses that will really help *you*, personally. Then, go back and read those verses to yourself.

Whenever you're in a situation where it seems you are not receiving, always increase your time in the Word. This will help you become fully confident that you've received what you're believing God for. There's nothing more important for you to do than read your New Testament every day. This means you need to cut out other things that you're doing and focus on the Word.

Thank God for church, thank God for ministers who preach the Word, and thank God for television ministries and all the internet ministries that God has blessed us with. They are important for our spiritual growth, but they weren't given to us to take the place of our own personal time in the Bible. Read your Bible every day. The Holy Spirit will begin to reveal God's Word to you. If you find yourself doubting God, it's an indication that your Word time hasn't been enough. A little bit of time in the Word means little results. **The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you...**Mark 4:24 AMP

There's no easy way around this. Each of us is responsible for our own time in the Word. No minister can do it for you; you have to do it yourself. No Christian will be successful without doing it. Their life will always be a drama-filled mess that won't change until they start putting a lot more time into reading their New Testament. **Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.** Matthew 22:29

We can't live off other people's faith or prayers; that won't work. All the problems you ever had that you couldn't get to leave or change for the better were because you didn't put enough time in the Word, because **God's Word never fails to produce results!** You're to live off the Word of God.

Most charismatic Christians have read Christian books, but they've never read their Bible enough. I can't over-emphasize the importance of you reading your New Testament every day. Then, find promises in there, highlight them and write them out. There is nothing more important you can accomplish at any given time on any given day, than putting time in your Bible. There is nothing more productive or powerful than you speaking God's Word in Jesus' Name.

Every Christian you know who has problems, it all hinges on them not putting enough time in the Word. Problems come, but you make them leave. Problems will not leave because you love the Lord and you think you're a good Christian. Until you make the decision that you're going to read your New Testament every day, you're not going to live in victory; it's just not going to happen. It's all up to you; no one else.

The people who speak in tongues and don't read their Bible are a big problem. You cannot help Christians who neglect time in the Word. Their problem is not their problems. Their problem is that they don't want to put any time in the Word themselves. They don't want to read their own Bible. No one can live off other people's revelations or spiritual experiences. You have to live off the Word. Jesus said so in Matthew 4:4: **But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

The more we speak God's Word and meditate on it, the more effective we will be at believing God, receiving from God, and resisting the devil. God didn't make any of these blessings difficult to receive. We complicated it for a number of reasons. How many times have you witnessed to someone about receiving Jesus as Lord, and their response to you, or their thinking was: *"It can't be that easy. There has got to be more to it than just confessing Jesus is Lord and believing in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead."* (Romans 10:9,10) We've probably all had those thoughts at one time or another, especially if you grew up in religion.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30: **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

Psalms 23:3: **He restoreth my soul: HE LEADETH ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS for his name's sake.**

Personally, I believe the most important thing to do as soon as anyone becomes born again is to immediately begin to learn of Jesus. We need to find out everything He's done for us. He said **learn of me**. If a believer's life becomes hard, that believer is not following the Lord. He said He'd lead us in the path of righteousness. Every place the Lord leads you is a path of righteousness, or it is not God leading you.

Don't think about the wrong you've done; focus only on what Jesus has done for you, and just keep saying to yourself: **By His stripes I am healed! I thank You, Father God, for my good health, in Jesus' Name.**

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