

HEALING THE SICK

So many times we go to church and get the Pastor to pray for us, or we go to Benny Hinn meeting looking to get healed, or we go visit some other “Great” preacher to get a touch from God. There are times when we get prayed for yet don’t seem to get healed or like myself we watch the same people every meeting go out for prayer for the same ailment every week. **WHY?**

I was reading a book by Stuart Gramenz recently he is a travelling evangelist and “faith healer” if you would call it that. He wrote a book called “How to heal the sick” and it totally transformed my life, my thinking and my attitude towards praying for people. The book is rather long to actually fit here so I am going to attempt to condense it down and get the message across. For the past year or so I have been meditating on a particular scripture and this is the very scripture that he bounces everything he says off the Bible tells us in **Mar 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.*

Break these verses up into three different segments or commands if you like which he gave to his disciples and you will come up with this..... **1.** Go and preach.... **2.** Cast out devils..... **3.** Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Stuart wrote that this is the basic formula for getting people healed but so many times we here preachers preaching prosperity or joy or peace and then call for a healing line. Stuart said that we need to preach healing if want healing! He then said some times it may be a typical illness like the flue or it may be a demon, like say a spirit of infirmity, and this needs to be discerned and cast out. Then he says follow the format of laying hands upon the sick and they shall recover, especially if it is only an illness like the flue.

Most of the time someone will ask us to pray for them because they are sick, but we tend to forget to first raise their faith up in the area of healing and get them expecting to be healed instead of them just thinking hopefully it will work. Most people know that God can heal but don’t think that they can be healed! We have to preach how Jesus healed them 2000 years ago first before praying, we have to cast out or break the power of the enemy first, then lay hands on them.

Stuart explained healing like this and I liked it, we are like a car battery, we are full of power but unless we have the leads hooked up the car will not go. We have the Holy Spirit within us and our hands are the leads with the power flowing through them, we need to make contact in some way to get that power flowing through. A car can be hooked up and the power flowing and it can be ready to start but unless we turn the key, nothing happens. We don’t actually see the power flowing in, so when things don’t happen after prayer people think they have not been healed, but you can not see that power flowing in just like the car, to turn the key of that healing is to preach healing first and after thank God for the Holy Spirit power flowing in us and keep thanking him, otherwise we turn the key off and everything stops.

So the devil has been cast out if that is what was needed, hands were laid on us and we received; bingo, we get healed no more pain it is Gone and we testify to it.... Then one day a twinge of pain returns, oh no we have lost our healing?? **No**, it is this; the devil saw you get healed of that cold and he didn’t like it so now he is trying to place **ANOTHER** cold on you. When people get healed by God they get healed! The devil just tries to trick us and place symptoms back on us for another dose of whatever that disease or illness was.

The book goes on to explain the different levels of faith, that we can all lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, it explains that most times people are healed by this way and very rarely do people get healed by the “gifts of healings” because it is always “as the spirit wills” not how we would want it. It explains about how Jesus done different things to make people stand up or go and wash your eyes or how the ladies faith healed her because she touched the hem of his garment. The book is a teaching manual for you and I on how to pray for the sick and see them recover, it explains about recovery times, that some times it is instant and sometimes it may take a while, like the cripple at the pool he was healed instantly, but the centurion’s boy began to get better at the same hour etc.

It explains a lot of things that I could never fit in here even if I wanted to. It teaches about commanding healing, praying quietly for healing, about using oil or cloths, about praying for people that are not actually in front of you, it explains some different illnesses, and has a few great testimonies in it of what Stuart has seen with his eyes. People getting up out of wheel chairs, deaf ears opened, the blind seeing and not only overseas but here in Australia as well, he comes and has healing seminars where he teaches for weeks on how to heal the sick and then he invites everyone who knows someone who is sick to bring them along, he then gets the class to pray for them and he has seen some wonderful things happen.

Healing is one of those things that I have never really understood or got a revelation of even though I have been healed myself, yet I still have a hearing disability and so do my children. There are many things that we don’t understand in the word of God and some things we do understand. One thing to remember is that the Bible tells us that we only know in part in **1Corinthians 13v8-10**. That is why we are all part of the body, one person may have a revelation of healing and another a revelation of prosperity, yet another a revelation of Joy or peace or some other thing in the word, that is why we all have to work together as the body of Christ. One thing we need to understand is that the Holy Spirit and the word of God is all we have and those 2 things we all have in common throughout the world regardless of belief or denomination. **Bless ya ~ Roscoe**