

How to Minister Healing

Finally, how do we take all that we have learned and put it into action? Every believer can be used of the Lord Jesus to heal the sick. Jesus said, "Heal the sick!" Matt 10:8

This is an action statement. He did not say 'pray' for the sick; He said 'heal' the sick.

A. Authority

Jesus gave us authority to heal the sick. (Matt 10:1; Mark 3:16; 6:7 & Luke 9:1) To the seventy-two, and to us, Jesus said:

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. Luke 10:19

We all as believers have this authority in the name of Jesus. When you stand in front of someone who needs healing, you represent Jesus to that person. You are not interceding on their behalf to God, but you are speaking and acting on Heaven's behalf. You are an extension of the Kingdom of God, to enforce upon the enemy the finished work of Jesus.

In Matt 8:5-13 we read where a centurion comes to Jesus and asks Jesus to heal his servant. He said to Jesus:

The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." Matt 8:8-9

What the centurion is saying to Jesus is this: "I am under authority and I have soldiers and servants under my authority. Whatever I say must be obeyed. Jesus, I recognize your authority and I submit under it. Therefore, only speak the word, because the sickness has to obey whatever you say, Jesus." Jesus is amazed and said to those following Him:

"I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." Matt 8:10

Then Jesus said to him:

"Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour. Matt 8:13

It is in this authority, activated through faith that we need to minister healing.

B. The Power of the Holy Spirit

When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit, with evidence of speaking in tongues, you have received the power of the Holy Spirit to heal the sick. - Mark 5:30; Luke 4:36; 5:17; 6:19; 8:46; 9:1; 24:49 & Acts 1:8

C. Speak the Word

The Word of God has power and it activates faith in people. Share with them Isaiah 53:4-5; Matt 8:17 & 1 Pet 2:24, to build up their faith in the finished work of Jesus.

We saw above, what the centurion said and how Jesus spoke the word and the servant was healed. In Matt 8:16, we see Jesus "drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick."

Jesus spoke the word and commanded the sickness to leave. Speak to the sickness and command it to go. This must be done in the name of Jesus. There is great power in the name of Jesus. Also, remember this, it is the sickness, pain and symptoms that you are rebuking. You are not ordering God to heal the sick. You are commanding the enemy to leave.

Proverbs 15:4 says, "The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life"

And Proverbs 18:21 says, "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

And Jesus said in John 6:63, "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

The words we speak by the Holy Spirit have great power to bring healing and life to those you minister too.

D. Lay Hands on the Sick

Jesus said that believers will lay their hands on the sick and they will get well (Mark 16:18). Lay your hands on the person who needs healing and expect the healing power of God to flow through you. When you lay your hands on the sick, be discreet. Please no inappropriate touching.

For the ministry of laying on of hands look at these verses: Matt 8:3 & 15; 9:25 & 29; 19:13-15; 20:34; Mark 1:31 & 41; 5:41; 6:5; 7:33; 8:22-25; 9:27; 10:13-15; 16:17-18; Luke 4:40; Luke 5:13; 7:14; 8:54; 13:12-13; Acts 3:6-7; 4:29-30; 5:12; 6:6; 8:17; 9:12-17 & 41; 13:3; 14:3 KJV; 19:6; 19:11 KJV; 28:8 & Heb 6:2.

E. The Gifts of the Spirit

Sometimes the Holy Spirit will give you a word, a phrase, a thought or a picture that relates to this problem. In faith, follow what the Holy Spirit shows you. Minister to the person about what the Lord showed you.

F. Faith

In Acts 3:1-16 we read where Peter and John ministered healing to a crippled man. So let us look at how they ministered to this man and learn from them.

"Peter looked straight at him, as did John." Keep your eyes open and look at the person that you are ministering too.

"Then Peter said, 'Look at us!'" Get the person to look at you.

"Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'" Give them what Jesus put in you. Release the power of the Holy Spirit to flow through you. Work the healing and miracle. Command the disease to go in the name of Jesus and get them to do something they could not do.

Look at what Peter gives as the key to this miracle: "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."

In order to minister healing we need to walk in faith. Faith in Jesus and faith in the name of Jesus. We need to have faith in God's power, not our ability.

Jesus said in Mark 9:23, "Everything is possible for him who believes."

And Jesus said in Matt 17:20, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

You have to step out in faith and believe that whatever is wrong with this person must go and that they will be healed. You must believe that the Lord is going to use you to heal the sick. Have faith! With God ALL things are possible.

G. Joy and Laughter, the Medicine that Heals

Ps 45:7 and Heb 1:9 say, "You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Jesus was anointed with the oil of joy. He was filled with joy by the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:24). According to Is 61:1-3 Jesus ministered this oil of joy to those He touched, healed and set free.

We have been anointed by the Holy Spirit with the anointing of Jesus, so we too must minister from His joy. This means that when you minister healing to someone, that you must minister from the oil of joy and not from tears and sorrow. Jesus had compassion (Matt 9:36; 14:14; 15:32 20:34; Mark 1:41; 6:34; 8:2; Luke 7:13 & 10:33). Compassion, according to Strong's, means to have the bowels yearn, i.e. to be moved from your 'gut'. It means that you are deeply filled and moved by the passion of Jesus for the sick. Compassion isn't sorrow or sympathy or pity. To feel sorry for someone, isn't compassion. When you feel sorry and have sympathy, you weep with the person, but you are unable to do something for them. Compassion is moved with the problem to action. When you are moved with compassion for the sick, you don't weep over them; you minister the healing power of Jesus to them. Compassion is not taking upon yourself the pain, sorrow and suffering that the person you are ministering to has. Jesus carried all of this in His body on the cross. He is the Savior! Your duty is only to be vessel for His healing power to flow through you. His power and His blood will wash it all away.

If you, yourselves have a lot of pain in your heart, let Jesus set you free and minister from this place of freedom. Therefore, move with compassion, minister from His anointing of power and joy.

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine,"

Joy and laughter is the medicine that heals. The oil of joy is the medicine of the Holy Spirit that heals.

H. Feedback and Further Instructions

Ask the person what they need healing for. After you have laid hands on the sick person and commanded the sickness to go, ask them how they feel. If there are any symptoms left, go after it again until the person is healed.

If they are medication, tell them to go to their doctor, so that he will confirm that they are healed and then take them off their medication.

Encourage them to share their testimony with others. Make sure that Jesus gets ALL the glory. He is the healer; you are His vessel that He is working through.

I. Stand on the Word

He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Ps 107:20

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.

Proverbs 4:20-22

Encourage those you minister healing to, to read in the Gospels about the miracles of Jesus, to meditate on them and to confess the Word over their bodies (i.e. declare and speak the Word over themselves). Teach them to stand on the Word of God and believe that Jesus has healed them. Teach them to rebuke the devil and take authority over every pain, symptom, condition, disease and sickness. Teach them to give thanks to the Lord and to praise Him for their healing.

J. Give Jesus All the Glory

Look at Peter's response after the man was healed and the crowd looks at him and John. He said:

"Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ... By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."

Acts 3:12 & 16

He deflected the praise and attention from himself and made sure that all the glory goes to Jesus. As Jesus works through you and uses you to heal people, always make sure that you give him all the glory and that you do not take any praise for yourself. Do not be flattered by what people say. Jesus is the Healer; you are only His servant and the vessel through which His Holy Spirit flows.

Jesus said to the seventy-two when they returned from their mission and saw the power of God work through them, "However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Luke 10:20

Our joy is to serve Him. He washed us with His blood and gave us eternal life. Our desire must be to bring Him joy. When you obey and in faith go and do the works of Jesus you bring Him and the Father this joy:

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

Luke 10:21

God bless you as you step out in faith and see Jesus heal many through you. Please email us with your testimonies as you take this teaching and put it into practice.

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