

## REVIVE CHURCH—HEALING 2

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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**1 Corinthians 12** Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: <sup>2</sup> You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus <sup>1</sup>accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are <sup>[d]</sup>diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: <sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

We are invited to take inventory of everything God tells us is available and pursue His heart with everything that we are. The manifestations of the Holy Spirit are not what you are able to do! They are what the Holy Spirit is able to do through you! We get to know Him and how He speaks, moves and empowers through abiding fellowship.

**Why would a Father give gifts to His children?** One would think the giver of the gifts would want these gifts to be received, used, and maximized to their full potential! The only way I can begin to understand how a gift might work, is to in faith start trying to use them. Our Father is patient, loving and kind and He tells us that everything He does is for the good of those who love Him. {Rom. 8:28}

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**Diversities of gifts (charisma)** **Strong's Definitions:** **chárisma,** a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification, or (objectively) miraculous faculty:—(free) gift.

Paul tells us in **1Cor:12:31, 14:1-to eagerly desire the greater gifts that Holy Spirit has for us.** The Greek meaning for ***eagerly desire means-zealously go after, burn with passion or desire!*** He gives us good and perfect gifts and the best way to honor Him in that is to learn how to use them effectively because they further His Kingdom!

To each one (you) the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the good of the entire community! The Gifts come with a huge blessing and part of it is responsibility to share. **The gifts have nothing to do with personal ambition, they are not given for spiritual advancement or superiority, they are not trophies but tools for touching and blessing others!**

**Many of us have been taught that this list refers to a one-time, permanent endowment (ownership) for each person when it is more likely that Paul is talking about passing touches of the Spirit of God at different times in different settings.** Every gift is an expression of God's grace and at any given time, the Holy Spirit could empower you to touch and bless others! **These grace touches empower every single person within the body of Christ (Holy Spirit will use anyone) to minister through healing, a word from God or some other form of blessing that God would choose you to participate with Him!**

**If we are trained to be passive observers and highlight certain gifted people while everyone else sits back then we will completely miss the beauty of God using anyone and everyone who has His Spirit.** **If God claims we have access to His Gifts and we are called to burn with passion for them, then it's time we really took this call of God on our lives seriously! The effectiveness of His church is counting on it!** It is much easier to watch and criticize but that is not the will of God for your life or the life/health of the church.

*Acts 1:8- “ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

**The disciples were taught directly from Jesus that God could use them to do the impossible, regardless of what attribute of God was needed. We do not look at the fruit of the Spirit and claim the two that we have and deny the rest. Though it is true we may carry a specific anointing in a designated area of our life we are to pursue that rest of what God offers.**

- May have a dominant gift
- May have a gift for a season
- May go after more through earnest desire

**We all have much to learn in the area of paying attention to the Spirit’s prompting, hearing, sensing, feeling and moving forward with the knowledge that He is given us. We have to continually make sure that this church is a safe one for people to continually try out the gifts. His expectations for us is not that we get to the point of mastering something before we use it, rather like a child take the gift and begin enjoying it, having fun in ministry. It’s ok to fall, it’s ok to not know what your doing but it is not ok to deny what He has so graciously given us and not even try.**

We all have so many questions about faith, miracles and healings and we want formulas. Yet God works through intimacy and relationships. **Out of the nearly 4,000 verses in the four Gospels over 720 verses speak of Jesus healing someone. Jesus is healer and He has released this gifting upon the church! We are to continue to teach and do everything Jesus taught and did. Healing should be a normal part of what the body of Christ does on a regular basis. We have been commissioned to bring heaven to earth and believe His word. We shouldn’t make**

excuses, offer back doors. We pray the highest will of God and Jesus showed us that includes healing.

It's a significant fact that Jesus never turned away a sick person who came to Him for healing. There is no record of that in any of the gospels. He never said, "Your sickness is too severe," or "It's not the will of God to heal you." The power of God flowed from the hands of Jesus into the bodies of these sick persons, drove out the sickness and replaced it by health.

The gifts of healing is the supernatural ability to minister healing through the power of God. Some may have a special anointing for healing and breakthrough in specific areas but every believer can be used by the Holy Spirit to heal someone as they step out in faith and minister in Jesus name.

**1 John 3:8-** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**Sickness is a work of the devil and came into the world as a result of sin.** If Jesus spent so much time setting people free from sickness, infirmities, strongholds then shouldn't we.

Out of all the gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians healing is plural. It's not the gift of healing but the *gifts* of healing. The gifts of healing is plural meaning diverse healings. It may mean, in a sense, that each healing that you receive is a gift and that there are various kinds of healings.

We fully don't understand this. We do know that not all healing is physical, there is mental, spiritual and emotional healing that also happens. God does heal and touch these as well.

**So, healing is God's divine, supernatural power, channeled through a human believer, into the body of the one who is sick.**

People can be healed with by simply believing the Word of God, the prayer of faith, in the Presence of God, through the faith of friends, through the laying on of hands, anointing with oil, through obedience or any creative way God chooses (shadow, hankerchief etc)

Each miraculous account given is entirely purposeful. Jesus did not heal every person the exact same way. The Gospel of John gives what did occur every time Jesus released the Kingdom of God upon someone-

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

### **Jesus did what He saw and heard the Father do-He brought Kingdom to earth**

It’s exciting to know that if we want to live a miraculous life that fully expresses the gospel we must do the exact same thing. Lean into the Father and do what we see Him doing, hear His voice and follow

Some healings are gradual and some healings are instantaneous. We see this in scripture as well:

Instant ex.- Matthew 8:3 Then Jesus put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Gradual-**Mark 8:22-25** 22 Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. 23 So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. 24 And he looked up and said, “I see men like trees, walking.” 25 Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored furthermore saw everyone clearly.

**Medicine whether it's natural or conventional is not to be mistaken as the gifts of healing.** God does inspire people to find remedies, surgeries, and medicines but that is not this gift. **The gifts of healing go beyond natural means and bring healing.**

This does not mean that God doesn't use doctors or medicine to heal. He does but that is outside of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

This gift opens doors in individuals hearts to believe in Jesus. You could argue Theology with someone for years but one encounter of someone being healed make it hard to deny the presence and power of Jesus.

Isaiah 53:5- But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,  
*He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed.

1Peter 2:24-who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

**Acts 5 in the ministry of Peter. It says:**

Acts 5:15-16 (NKJV) 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid [them] on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Again, we see the reality of this supernatural healing power that comes first of all through Jesus and secondly, to those who are directly related to Him and serving Him in faith. In this case, in a certain sense, the healing power of God was actually conveyed through Peter's shadow.

Now, I want to show you also an example of this healing power in the ministry of Paul. In Acts 28:8 & 9, speaking about what happened after Paul and his company had landed on the island of Malta, we read this:

“And it came about that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.”

**We notice there a very clear statement of the Scripture. It says that Paul laid his hands on this man and healed him. Paul healed him. Now we know of course that the healing power actually come from God. But, nevertheless, God has committed it to his servant and there is a time when we have an obligation to heal.** For instance, Jesus, when He sent out His first disciples said, “Whatever city you enter into, heal the sick.” **He didn’t say, “Pray to Me to heal the sick,” He didn’t say, “Pray to God.” He said, “You heal the sick.”** I believe that those of us who are servants of the Lord Jesus Christ have to face up to this obligation. At times and places of His own choosing, Jesus expects us to minister His healing power that the sick may be healed.