

Divine Healing for Today Part-8

We're coming to a close of this series entitled, "Divine Healing for Today." This is **Part 8**, and I believe that we've gained much insight into one of the major God-honoring activities that we in the Body of Christ can be engaged in. Tonight we're looking at **How to Retain Divine Healing**.

In answer to believing prayer, believers worldwide are giving testimony to their experience of the power of healing upon their body by the healing touch of the Lord Jesus. The great majority of these healings have been a permanent deliverance. However, there are some cases where the symptoms have returned. And without the knowledge of what to do, they lost their healing that God's grace worked in them. Confusion and unbelief have often followed, as you could imagine.

Thankfully, there is not one single record of this happening in the Scriptures. Otherwise, some could say that it's scriptural to lose your healing. Also, as many often do, the focus would be off of the many healings that do occur in Scripture and turn to the one that was lost, if one such existed. Because a person has symptoms reappear, it does not mean that the person wasn't healed in the first place. God does all things right & well. But, as responsible individuals, human beings can either cooperate with the will of God or resist His will. To retain healing, a person must yield to the Will of God, thus giving no cause for the loss of the healing that God performed. We can all too easily say, "*Well, maybe I wasn't really healed in the first place,*" thereby putting the blame on God. But since God is willing to heal, it is certainly His will that we remain healed. The problem is in the soul of the individual, and that's where we'll find the answer.

Reasons for Losing our Healing

There are two main reasons why Christians lose their healing. **The first is willful sinning.** For instance, Jesus returned from Galilee to Jerusalem to observe one of the Jewish feasts. At The Pool of Bethesda, also known as The House of Loving Kindness, Jesus encountered a man disabled for 38 years. **John 5:6-9 TPT** reads, *“Jesus said to him, “Do you truly long to be well?” 7. The sick man answered, “Sir (or Lord), there’s no way I can get healed, for I have no one to lower me into the water when the angel comes. As soon as I try to crawl to the edge of the pool, someone else jumps in ahead of me.” 8. Jesus said to him, “Stand up! Pick up your sleeping mat and you will walk!” 9. Immediately he stood up – he was healed! So he rolled up his mat and walked again! Now Jesus worked this miracle on the Sabbath.”* **TPT note:** “The healed man took his sleeping (resting) mat with him. The Sabbath was meant to be a day of rest, but the healed man carried his Sabbath “rest” with him. The Sabbath is not a day, but a realm of rest that we carry in our hearts.”

V. 14. *“A short time later, Jesus found the man at the temple and said to him, “Look at you now! You’re healed! Walk away from your sin so that nothing worse will happen to you (or “Don’t continue sinning any longer”).”* It seems apparent that some form of sin was responsible for the man’s infirmity, so Jesus warned him that continued sin would result in even greater affliction. If we reflect on this, we can understand that willful sinning could be denying many people today of gracious healings that God wants to manifest in their lives. Let’s not draw a wrong conclusion here, and surmise that a life of perfection is necessary for a person to enjoy the blessings of their healing. However, a Christian cannot live in known sin & expect to keep the victory of healing which the Lord has provided. Otherwise we are being healed to live for the Devil’s purposes.

The Second Reason People Lose Their Healing

The second and more prevalent reason that people lose their healing is because of **faith that wavers**. Because healing is received by faith, if faith wavers then healing wavers. What we receive from God is retained in the same way that we received it – by faith. This requires a contending for our faith. **Jude 3 TPT** says, *“Dearly loved friend, I was fully intending to write to you about our amazing salvation we all participate in, but felt the need instead to challenge you to vigorously defend & **contend*** for **the beliefs** that we cherish**.* For God, through the apostles, has once for all entrusted these truths to His holy believers.”

TPT notes: **“Or “keep adding to the contest” or “repeatedly participate fully in the race course.”* ***“Although the Greek here is “the faith” or “on behalf of the faith,” it is clear that Judah is not speaking of faith as simply believing in God. The Christian faith encompasses the body of truth we receive from the inspired Word of God.”* **Divine healing** would be a part of the body of truth we’ve received from God’s inspired Word.

We are to contend against an enemy, the accuser of the brethren, who would make accusations against us in order to rob us of what the Lord has done on our behalf. **1 Pet. 5:8-9**

TPT says, *“Be well balance and always alert, because your **enemy***, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey **to devour.**”* **TPT notes:** **“The Gk. word *antidikos* is a legal term for one who presses a lawsuit that must be defended.”*

** *“The implication in the context is that if you do not bring your worries and cares to God, the devil will use depression and discouragement to devour you. Just as lions go after the feeble, the young and the stragglers, so the enemy of our souls will always seek out those who are isolated, alone, or depressed to devour them.”* Worries & cares can cause our faith to waver & lose our healing. Thus, the devouring of the devil takes place.

Stand firm as Apostle Paul wrote in **Eph. 6:10 TPT**: *“Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. **Stand victorious** with the force (or “weapons”) of His explosive power flowing in and through you.”*

Robbing people of their faith is one of the devil’s main occupations. As **Luke 8:12 TPT** says, *“The hard pathway represents the hard hearts of those who hear the word of God but the slanderer quickly snatches away what was sown in their hearts to keep them from believing and experiencing salvation.”* If a person once loses their faith, then their experience will follow (i.e. they’ll lose their healing).

Seven Recommendations to Retain Healing

1. Keep in an Atmosphere of Faith.

“Hang out,” associate with others who believe. The atmosphere you place yourself in will cause your faith to respond to it. Faith will be discouraged by listening to people who doubt & are critical. A good church that worships in Spirit & in truth, one that believes the Word of God and studies it will refresh you and encourage your spiritual strength.

2. Keep Praising the Lord for What He Has Done.

It is so important that one realize how greatly he has been the recipient of God’s Matchless Grace. He has not earned or deserved the healing he received. We must all allow the glory & gratitude of the Goodness of God to ever thrill our hearts! To think that we are in any way worthy is a dangerous position.

3. Keep Telling What the Lord Has Done.

It’s so important that we tell others of God’s gracious goodness to us. When we do this, it must be done with a deep sense of humility and with no thought that our healing in any way makes us better than others. Because some people failed to testify of the deliverance that God worked in them, they lost their miraculous healings.

4. Let's Feed our Faith on the Word of God.

Though God may have used someone to pray for you, and you received your healing, we must keep looking to the Lord, for the person who prays is helpless apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are God's channels; He does the work. **Rom. 10:17**

AMP spotlights the importance of reading, studying & hearing the Word of God taught or preached: "*So faith comes from hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by*

the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ." **So important to read & study God's Word!** We also need to **quote God's promises of healing** every day. My wife has it playing on her iPad various times of the day & she quotes it, too. **Ex. 15:26**

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1 Pet. 2:24 TPT "*Our instant healing flowed from His wounding.*"

TPT note: "The Greek word for "healing" (*iaomai*) clearly refers to physical healing and is used as a medical term to describe curing the physical body. This healing includes the body, soul, and emotions. It was fulfilled in two ways: first, by the healing ministry of Jesus, and second, by the blood of Christ's wounds. (**Isa. 53:5**

TPT "*But it was because of our rebellious deeds that He was pierced and because of our sins that He was crushed. He endured the punishment that made us completely whole, and in His wounding we found our healing.*" **We must believe what God says, not what we feel!**

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5. Contend for Your Healing in Faith.

There are times when the Devil will tell a child of God that they are not saved. How do we answer that charge? It's by realizing that the Devil is a liar. In **John 8:44 TPT**, Jesus told the Jews who believed in Him, "*You are the offspring of your father, the Devil*, and you serve your father very well, passionately carrying out his desires. He's been a murderer right from the start! He never stood with the truth, for he's full of nothing but lies – lying is his native*

*tongue. He is a master of deception and the father of lies!” *TPT note: “The word for “devil” in Greek means “slanderer-accuser.” The Aramaic word is *akelqarse*, or “adversary.” It is taken from a root word that means “to ridicule” or “to gnaw.” In v. 48 the Jewish leaders ridiculed Jesus words: “See! We were right all along!” some of the Jewish leaders shouted. “You’re nothing but a demon-possessed Samaritan!”” Don’t lose faith if people ridicule your faith for healing. They ridiculed Jesus.*

Tell the child of God what God says, “*Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved – you and all your family.*” **Acts 16:31 TPT** So, tell him: “I believe; therefore, I am saved.” Quote **Rom. 10:9** to him: “*If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*” Tell the enemy, “I believe in my heart, and I now confess Jesus as Lord, so I am now saved.” This method of silencing the doubts that Satan would put in the believer’s heart regarding salvation has no objectors. So, if this works for affirming salvation, why not use it to deal with the symptoms of doubt regarding healing in the same manner. Want to know that you are saved? Look to the Word, not to yourself and your feelings in the matter. In like manner, look to what God says about healing in His Word if you want to know if you are healed. Take a strong stand on God’s promises to retain healing.

6. Walk in Obedience to God’s Will – His Word.

The reason we are saved is to serve and obey the Lord. For the same reason we are healed – to serve and obey the Lord. God’s will is contained in and revealed by His Word. In the pathway of obedience faith flourishes, and so do all the blessings that faith brings. **John 14:15** “*If you love Me, [you will] keep my commandments.*” **TPT: “Love for Christ is proven and demonstrated by our obedience to all that He says.”**

7. “Serve the Lord with gladness,” as it says in **Psa. 100:2**. Have joy, gratitude and a singing heart. Instead of being selfish with what God has given to you, use the health and strength you’ve

been given to do His work in the earth. Find a place of service in His church and be faithful to it. Don't look for accolades, but give the glory to God if you get some. Bring your tithes into the storehouse faithfully and watch your substance increase. Bring others to the Lord Jesus Christ, as there are so many who need God's Saving and Healing Power. We've been saved and healed by the impartation of God's life into us. **Rom. 8:2 TPT** *"For the 'law' of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has **liberated us**(Gk. 'sets me free' or 'sets you free') from the 'law' of sin and death."* To retain the blessedness of life that God's Spirit has imparted to you, live wholly for God and enjoy the fullness of what He has done for you!

And remember **Heb. 13:8 TPT** *"Jesus, the Anointed One, is always the same – yesterday, today, and forever."* He's just as compassionate to heal today as He was when He walked this Earth 2,000 years ago.