

Divine Healing for Today Part-9

Seven Recommendations to Retain Healing (cont'd)

We must believe what God says, not what we feel!

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 nothingbut 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, which is 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.

Divine Life for the Body

Duffield and Van Cleave wrote, “The closer we draw to the Lord, and the more our faith reaches out to claim all the promises of God, the more clearly we see that Christ Jesus provided for us a complete salvation; not only to die by, but to live by – a salvation that embraces the entire man, spirit, soul & body. *“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10. And you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power” (Col. 2:9-10 NKJV). Col. 1:19 TPT says, “For God is satisfied to have all His fullness dwelling in Christ.” Note:* “This includes all the fullness of God, the fullness of His plan for our lives, & the full image of God being restored into our hearts.”

John 1:14, 16 TPT *“And so the Living Expression became a man and lived among us (or “live within us”)! We gazed upon His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father overflowing with tender mercy and truth! 16. And from the overflow of His fullness* we received grace heaped upon more grace (or, “one gracious gift after another!”)*TPT: “Or “out of His fullness we are all fulfilled” (Aramaic). That is, every believer receives from the fullness of Christ a divine completeness.*

We are given from Him whatever each requires for the perfection of his character & for the fulfillment his life’s purpose (Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:19; 2:9).” “Character is related to fulfilling your destiny.”

“Jesus said, *“...I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10 NKJV).* This life which He has provided includes His life for our bodies. Aimee Semple McPherson once wrote: “Divine healing...is not performing a ceremony, it is not wringing a petition form the heavens by the logic of faith & the force of your will, but it is the inbreathing of the life of God. **It is the living touch which none can understand except those whose senses are exercised to know the realities of the world unseen.**”

Spiritual Immaturity

Prophetess McPherson is alluding to **Hebrews 5:12-14 TPT**, which says, *“For you should already be professors instructing others by now; but instead, you need to be taught from the beginning the basics of God’s prophetic oracles! (TPT note: “That is, how Jesus is the substance and fulfillment of the oracles (message) of God.”) You’re like children* still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food. TPT note: “The Gk. word “nepios” means “still unfit to bear arms,” that is, unprepared for battle.”*

13. *For every spiritual infant who lives on milk is not yet pierced (or “inexperienced”) by the revelation of righteousness. 14. But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they’ve experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful.”*

SFLB note on 5:14: “The more advanced teachings are adapted to mature believers, whose spiritual **senses** are able to discriminate between sound and unsound doctrine and between wholesome and unwholesome conduct.”

Duffield and Van Cleave in Foundations of Pentecostal Theology: “Divine Healing is Divine Life in the physical body. It is part of that life which is *“in Christ.”* Paul testified to Christ’s life in him: **Gal. 2:20** says, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

“Here are two verses, **2 Cor. 4:10-11 TPT**, which are most explicit concerning the life of Christ in the mortal body: *“We continually share in the death of Jesus in our own bodies (or “We carry about in the body the death of Jesus”) so that the resurrection life of Jesus will be revealed through our*

humanity. **11.** *We consider living to mean that we are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that the life of Jesus will be revealed through our humanity.*" This does not only mean spiritual life in our unseen spirit, but His Life in our very flesh that is the mortal part of us – the physical body. This is blessed identification with Christ to the effect that the mortal body is benefited thereby. Paul is not talking about a new kind of living, but a new kind of life. *"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones"* (**Eph. 5:30 NKJV**; **Gen. 2:23 NKJV**: "And Adam said: *"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*) **1 Cor. 6:15 NKJV**: *"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?"* It is His Life – the life of the Head – that flows through the body: *"...strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man..."* (**Eph. 3:16 NKJV**); *"filled with all the fullness of God"* (**Eph. 3:19 NKJV**). Triumphant faith will not allow this to be limited to spiritual needs alone. Think of the power of the fact *"...that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you..."* (**1 Cor. 6:19 NKJV**). Some people are not content to live in a dirty, broken-down house. They immediately lean it up and strengthen its structure. When the Holy Spirit comes in, if we will yield to Him, He will cleanse and heal the temple of the Christian's body."

"Kenneth MacKenzie describes the relationship of Christ's Life and Spirit and the body:

"Divine healing is just Divine Life. It is the union of our members with the very body of Christ, and the inflowing life of Christ in our living members. It is as real as His risen & glorified body.

"It is as reasonable as the fact that He was raised from the dead, and is a living man with a true body and a rational soul today at God's right hand. That living Christ belongs to us in all His attributes and power. We are members of His body, of his

flesh, and His bones; and if we can only believe it, we may live upon the very life of the Son of God.

“No longer are we in bondage to the old sentiment that the body is a miserable tenement in which we endure our confinement until at last we are released. But it becomes the scene of the sanctifying in-working of the Holy Spirit, which, pressing every niche of our being, permeates the whole with His Holy energy, and insures the possession and experience of Christ’s very life.”

Actually, if you read **Ephesians 3:14-21** in **The Passion Translation**, what I just read is the only thing that makes spiritual sense out of what the Apostle Paul wrote there. Is it a mystery? Yes indeed. However, the Lord explains mysteries through His *Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of God, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened* (**Eph. 1:17**). That’s what He did to me a week ago when I took communion in the 8:00 prayer meeting in the Y/YA building and He revealed to me when my wife prayer over the cup of His blood. It’s at that moment that I understood that we were partakers of being literal members of His spiritual body. And with that revelation I understood that all the provisions of grace were made for us to prosper and thrive with all our needs taken care of in Christ!

Next week: Answers to Objections to Divine Healing