

ADVANCED CONCEPTS IN HEALING AND MIRACLES

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I want to share some things with you in this teaching that will help you in ministering healing and miracles to people. We meet Christians all the time who are so excited when they find out that Jesus still heals and performs miracles today. Often they act as if it's something new but it's not; it's just a portion of the Scriptures that they have rediscovered because Jesus "is the same yesterday, today and forever." He still heals and performs miracles today.

I've shared on this website how Jesus appeared to me in a vision 10 years ago and spoke about the spiritual gift of Working of Miracles and gave me 3 steps to receiving a miracle for anyone to receive a miracle. The first step, He said, is "Find it" – you must find the scriptural promise in the Word. We know that the Lord "watches over His word to perform it" and both Jesus and the Apostle Paul stated quite emphatically that "the Scriptures cannot be broken."

Therefore, because the Scriptures teach that healing is part of what Jesus did for us when He went to the Cross, then we have no trouble "finding it" as Jesus said in the word. Our problem comes later, like the 12 apostles, however, when we lay hands on somebody, pray for them and they aren't healed. What went wrong? This causes confusion and sometimes a loss of faith by

those praying. Now the secret to learning “what went wrong” is a concept we see over and over in both the Old and New Testaments but something very few Christians practice even one time – fasting. The second step Jesus gave me in the 3 steps to receiving was, “Fast it, like Daniel did, for the promise you are believing me for.”

Over and over again in the Word we see how prayer and fasting go together. I can boldly give you a promise that *anything* you are seeking the Lord about you can receive an answer through fasting and prayer. But our problem, especially in the Western world, is we’re too impatient and too lazy to follow this step – we expect, and sometimes even demand – that the Lord responds to us as quickly as we receive food in a drive through restaurant. This is one reason many people die of an illness or demonic attack when they could have been healed.

You see it’s important to be a Spirit-filled Christian and get to know the Holy Spirit. I made that decision back in 1979. I knew Jesus quite well but didn’t know the Father nor the Spirit at all. They are all God but they have different personalities. The Spirit of the Lord is easily grieved – we see this in services all the time because Christians today are not taught how to act in His Presence. When the Spirit of the Lord is moving in miracles, healings, etc., then you need to be very quiet, still and worshipful – you need to reverence His Presence or He will just flat leave even though He doesn’t want to. Another thing churches do is they grieve Him by not sensing His Presence and what He wants to do or else when the Anointing of His Presence begins to manifest the worship team will begin to play some loud music that drives Him away or else people in the congregation begin talking. If you don’t reverence Him He will leave.

Ev and I were ministering at a large church in South Africa 13 years ago and we actually got up and stopped the service during praise and worship because for almost an hour they would get on the

verge of breaking through into His Presence and then they would grieve Him. Because this occurred before we spoke we used this as a teaching experience for that particular church so they could learn how to get into the Presence of the Lord. Listen closely! Just because the Spirit *wants* to manifest Himself is no sign that He will! It's up to us!

I've done quite a bit of management consulting in my lifetime to earn a living since we don't take a salary from the ministry. One of the areas of my expertise is how to create high performance teams – organizational team building. One of the keys is to create a climate – an atmosphere for this to occur. I've discovered over the years that the same thing is true for the Holy Spirit. We don't really have to ask Him to come and manifest Himself – He wants to but we must create an *atmosphere* of holiness, reverence and worship that will *allow* Him to manifest. Think of it this way – there are certain places you don't want to go, e.g., with me it's places where there is loud music. Naturally we wouldn't go to a discothèque but the same is true for churches that blair loud music, so loud that it hurts your ears. The Spirit of the Lord is the same; there are certain places and churches He will not go but if they would change the atmosphere He will show up.

You see it's not just enough to have the Word – we run into ministers all the time who have become legalists because they know what the Scriptures say but don't know the Spirit. You must have both. It's through fasting and prayer that we get the Mind of the Spirit on situations. I'll give you a challenge today – if you will change your life in this one area I can guarantee that you will see a big improvement in your relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Why Isn't Everyone Healed?

I was privileged for many years to sit under the teaching of many of the great teachers such as Kenneth Hagin, John Osteen and Norvel Hayes of the Teaching move of God back in the '70s and '80s. My

pastor, John Osteen, was a great teacher of the Word but I actually learned more from Him than anybody else regarding how to create an atmosphere for the Spirit of the Lord to manifest. Sadly, although that church is much bigger today, they've lost that ability. What changed? Well, you have to have the *eye of the eagle* to see it. But when you lose the Presence of the Holy Spirit, you're not going to see signs, wonders, miracles and healings.

Brother John was very sensitive to the moving of the Spirit and that's the reason why we saw not only 100 or so people saved during each service but also miracles and healings.

I heard many great men of God say back then, "Why doesn't everybody get healed? The first question I'm going to ask Jesus when I get to Heaven is why everybody is not healed." Because I heard this so often I made a decision to find out for myself why everybody isn't healed and that's what I'm going to share with you in this teaching.

The Bible defines the casting out of devils (demons) as a "miracle" and yet when we follow the 12 and the 70 we can learn something. Initially they were so excited when Jesus sent them out. Wow! They reported back to Jesus "with joy" the Bible says and they said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name." But then they ran into some trouble. Sound familiar?

"A man in the crowd answered, 'Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.'" ■ Mk. 9:17

Man things were going great for these disciples; they were so excited about the power of the Spirit that was flowing through them but

then all of a sudden this mute spirit and spirit of epilepsy wouldn't come out.

I've said before many times in my writing and teaching that I've learned there are only two things that can keep a person from receiving from God – sin and unbelief.

Unbelief is the *primary* reason that Christians lose their healing once they've been healed. You need to know this so you can warn those you pray for. The devil always mounts a counter attack – normally after you've left town. This attack manifests in the form of lying symptoms. “Oh my God! I thought the Lord healed me of breast cancer when sister Smith prayed, laid hands on me and all the pain and symptoms left. But now I've got pain again and I can feel that lump in my breast has returned.” If the person gives in to the lying symptoms instead of standing firm in faith then they've just allowed the devil to put that cancer back on them. This type counter attack from the devil always occurs. Why? Because God will always allow your faith to be tested. It's the testing of our faith that produces the Fruit of the Spirit known as patience. But if we “stand firm in our faith” as Peter admonishes us to do we will *always, every time* see the “perfect work” promised to us.

I've shared how the Lord spoke to me back in the early '80s about why most people don't receive from Him. This was quite a revelation and one that will help you. I used this revelation to lead a man to the Lord at the county jail in Libby, Montana.

The Lord said, “Most people don't receive from me because they're not in my family. The little boy living next door to you could come over, ring your doorbell, and you might notice that he looks in need of food or clothing. You might help him but you're not obligated to because he's not in your family.” Now this also implies and I've found it's true because of covenant, that the Lord *is obligated* to provide for you, heal you, etc. if you are in His family.

Second, the Lord said, “Most Christians don’t receive from me because they don’t know *how*.” In other words, they’ve not pulled out the scroll and discovered how to receive – there are many ways, at least a dozen, that a person can receive healing.

Third, He said, “Most Spirit-filled Christians don’t receive from Me because their faith doesn’t possess patience.” My brothers and sisters, you need to develop the fruit of patience in your life if you want to receive the promises of God.

Now the other factor, sin, is very important. I want to give you a testimony that will allow you to see this but I’ve seen this happen scores of times and it – sin – can cause a person to either not be healed or else lose their healing. My experience is normally the more mature you are spiritually the less God will tolerate this. If you are a mature Christian then normally you won’t be healed if there’s unrepented or habitual sin in your life. But less mature Christians that are healed can lose their healing if they don’t deal with sin in their lives.

Many years ago I prayed for a person who needed a miracle. She was raised a Catholic but like most Catholics was never really born again and did not attend any church. She had some degenerative bone disease in her lower back and hips that caused extreme pain – so much so that she was unable to sleep even with pain medication.

Now listen closely and this testimony will help you. This is why you need the Spirit and you need to not be too quick to pray for people until you know the extent of their problem. The Spirit of the Lord showed me that the reason for her medical condition was because of sin in her life – specifically, unforgiveness toward a family member. I led her to the Lord, and told her I would pray for her and God would grant her a miracle but that she had to make things right with that family member. I was very careful to explain to her exactly what she had to do. She agreed. So I prayed for her and laid hands on her and she received a miracle. She slept that night for

the first time in years and went back to her doctor who confirmed through xrays that the bones had been replaced! Praise the Lord!

But unfortunately she did not deal with the sin in her life and therefore the degenerative disorder returned. You see sin affects us – it affects our bodies and it can affect us in our souls. We've found through deliverance ministry a direct correlation between sin and healing/deliverance.

When the Lord first sent me to Nigeria, West Africa, in 1988 I'd prayed for many people with short arms or legs and **not one time** did I fail to see their leg grow out. That is a miracle not a healing because God has to lengthen the bone to grow that leg out.

But when I got to Africa and later on Asia I found that when I prayed for people with short legs they seldom grew out. I needed to know why so I asked the Spirit through fasting and prayer and learned that it was because of sins – often ancestral sins and covenants that a person's ancestors had made with the devil. For example, a cult member, magician, juju practitioner or other non-Christians make a covenant with the Dark Kingdom for money.

The devil makes demands on them. He says, "Okay, I will make you rich but you must give me the legs of your first son" or some such thing. Therefore, for that person to receive their miracle or healing this covenant must be renounced and all sin repented of by the person for themselves and their ancestors. People often refer to this as "generational curses" but we prefer to simply call it "cleansing the bloodline."

For this reason when you minister to people it's very important that you spend time getting revelation from the Holy Spirit about their condition and this is when you need the revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in your life. Praise the Lord.

