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# The Gifts of Healing (The Physical, Faithful, and Spiritual Touch of Healing)

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## The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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***Sermon: The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gifts of Healing (The Physical, Faithful, and Spiritual Touch of Healing)***

***New Series Messages: “The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit”***

- Theme Scriptures:
  - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28
- Sermon: The Gift of Faith (Wonder-Working Power)
- Sermon: The Gift of Discernment (The Power to Detect Unclean Spirits)
- Sermon: The Gift of Helps (The Power to Serve the Church)
- Sermon: The Gift of Leadership (Anointed with Power, Position, and Promotion)
  - The Purpose of the Gift of Leadership (Anointed with Power/Ability to Minister)
  - The Works of the Gift of Leadership (Anointed with Position to Serve)
  - The Stirring of the Gift of Leadership (Anointed through Pain for Promotion)

***Lesson Text***

Matthew 8:14–15 (AV)<sup>14</sup> And when Jesus was come into Peter’s house, he saw his wife’s mother laid, and sick of a fever. <sup>15</sup> And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

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***Introduction***

So far, we’ve looked at the Symbiotic Relationship between the Foundation Gifts of the Spirit and the Works Gifts of the Spirit.

- Whereas the Apostle and Pastor Gifts starts and shepherds the church, the Faith and Help Gifts encourages and supports the church.
- Whereas the Prophet Gift Speaks on behalf of God, the Discernment Gift detects false prophets, apostles, and others influenced by unclean spirits.
- Whereas the Pastor and Teacher Gifts Instructs the Church, the Leadership Gift Administers the vision of the Church.

For the final few weeks of this year we will be looking at the Sign Gifts.

The Sign Gifts consist of Healings, Miracles, and Speaking in Tongues. By Sign Gifts, we mean those gifts of the Holy Spirit that are the obvious outward signs of the working of God.

Mark 16:<sup>17</sup> **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

Today we want to look at the Gifts of Healing.

1 Corinthians 12:8–9 (AV)<sup>8</sup> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit;

Notice here the plural nature of this gift. The scripture says “Gifts”!

Some theologians believe it is because a special gift is necessary every time a healing occurs. And although I have no problem with this theology, I however tend more towards the thought that there are multiple types of healing.

Specifically, there is Physical Healing (the healing of the physical body through physical touch), Faith Healing (the healing of the body through divine intervention), and Spiritual Healing (the healing of the soul from sin spiritually).

Now although I look at these healings as different, they are however inextricably linked and intertwined with each other.

- For example, (Matthew 17:14-21) tells us about the man who had a son who threw himself in the fire and water, some historians described his condition as epilepsy (Physical Condition); yet Jesus rebuked the devil out of him (Spiritual Condition).
- Another example (Matthew 9:20-22) reveals a woman with an issue of blood who came to Jesus after the doctors couldn't heal her (Physical Condition), Jesus said your Faith has made you whole (Faith Condition), and then said go in peace (Spiritual Condition).
- I've had people talk to me about demonic spirits that visit them in dreams and they can't move or wake up, perhaps an incubus or succubus (Spiritual Conditions), and yet medical professionals describe similar conditions as narcolepsy (Physical Conditions).

But regardless of the interrelationship of the Physical, Faithful, and Spiritual Conditions, today's message looks at each other these forms of healing, and why God gave them to us.

***Series and Sermon: The Works & Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gifts of Healing (The Physical, Faithful, and Spiritual Touch of Healing)***

### ***I. The Physical Touch of Healing (The Gift of Healing)***

Matthew 8:14–15 (AV)<sup>14</sup> And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. <sup>15</sup> And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

As we stated earlier, Jesus said that one of the signs that would follow those that believe was the ability to lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (Mark 15:18).

We clearly see the gift of physical healing throughout scripture, and the application of it through the laying on of hands. I call this the Physical Touch of Healing!

Although we see in our second lesson text the use of touch in healing the woman with an issue of blood; but that healing was about faith.

We also see in our third lesson text the use of touch for healing as well; but in that case, it was about spiritual healing of the soul condition, as we will discuss later.

But let's explore Physical healing through Physical Touch.

When Jesus physically touched Peter's mother-in-law, she was healed. There is no mention about her level of faith. This is an important point, because some people believe that the reason why some people are not healed is because they don't have enough faith.

And when Jesus raised the dead, we know that they weren't exercising faith, because they were dead. A dead person isn't laying there saying, "Lord I believe, Lord I believe"!

This Healing happens many times without any relationship to the faith of the person receiving it! It is simply the Gift of Healing from God.

Mark 6:4–5 (AV)<sup>4</sup> But Jesus said unto them, **A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.** <sup>5</sup> And he could there do no mighty work, ***save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.***

We also see Jesus anointing others with this gift.

Matthew 10:<sup>1</sup> And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Finally, I believe this gift has been given to mankind in general through the use of modern doctors and medicine as well.

Matthew 9:12 (AV)<sup>12</sup> But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.** (The Physicians are for sick, given to us from God)

James 1:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

This is an important point for us to accept as Christians, namely that the Physical Touch of Healing can come through this divine gift endowed in some of us, and it can just as likely come from a Doctor or Medicine, which also comes from God.

## ***II. The Faithful Touch of Healing (The Gift of Faith)***

Matthew 9:21–22 (AV)<sup>21</sup> For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. <sup>22</sup> But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Now let's talk about Faith Healing by beginning with two thoughts:

- First, this healing is more about a process than a person. The bible speaks about the process healing more than about specific faith healers. We'll share this in our final point.
- Second, not everyone is healed. You can have all the faith in the world, but if it is not God's will to heal you, you won't be healed. Your faith can't make God heal you!

Irrespective of Word of Faith believers who incorrectly believe that all sickness can be healed if you just have enough Faith; this can't possibly be true, otherwise Christians would never die. The bible clearly shows us people who had faith and were not healed.

2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (AV)<sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Healing through the touch of faith is really more about the Gift of Faith than the Gifts of healing

If you recall in our message on the Gift of Faith, this is a gift given to some of us when God reveals his divine intervention to perform a supernatural miracle. Its purpose is to increase the faith of those who may be struggling with doubt.

Mark 9:23–24 (AV)<sup>23</sup> Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.** <sup>24</sup> And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When God decides to heal, we must come to him by faith to receive our healing. And so, the gift of faith is given to help our unbelief!

The woman with an issue of blood had tried all the physical touches of the doctors to heal her, but when she heard that Jesus was in town, the gift of faith came over her to just touch him.

It wasn't about Jesus touching her, but about her Faith touching Jesus!

### ***III. The Spiritual Touch of Healing (The Gift of Salvation)***

James 5:14–16 (AV)<sup>14</sup> Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith **shall save the sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up; **and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.** <sup>16</sup> Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

The Physical Touch of Healing is God's Gift of Healing. The Faithful Touch of Healing is God's Gift of Faith. Finally the Spiritual Touch of healing is God's Process of Healing:

- Call for the Elders (The Spiritually Mature)
- Pray the Prayer of Faith (Faith believers)
- Confess your fault one to another (Get rid of unrepentant sin)
- Pray for one another (The Power of Agreement)
- Continue with Effectual Fervent Prayer (Don't' Quit, Keep on Praying with Power)

First, not everybody can help you when you need help! You need someone who is spiritually mature enough to get a prayer through. Somebody strong enough to pick you up in the Spirit!

- Romans 15:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Second, you have to disconnect from doubters and connect with the believers

- Psalm 1:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- Hebrews 11:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Third, we have to turn over our lives to God for forgiveness of and, and confess our faults

- Isaiah 53:4–5 (AV)<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Fourth, we have to use the Power of Agreement

- Matthew 18:19 (AV)<sup>19</sup> **Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

Finally, we must never quit or give up, but keeping on praying because the Effectual Fervent Prayer of the Righteous Availeth Much (The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.)

- Luke 18:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Rejoice evermore. <sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing. <sup>18</sup> In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

P.R.A.Y (Pray Until Something Happens)! Pray until you get a Physical Touch, Pray until you get a Faithful Touch, Pray until you get a Spiritual Touch. Pray and Pray some more!

Song: “He Touched Me”

Shackled by a heavy burden, beneath a load of guilt and shame  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.  
He touched, oh, he touched me, and oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know, He touched me, and made me whole.

**Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Gifts of Healing (The Physical, Faithful, and Spiritual Touch of Healing))**

**Lesson Text**

- Matthew 8:14–15, Matthew 9:21–22, James 5:14–16
- Book: [The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit](#): Read “Sign Gifts, Healing”

**Sermon Outline (Notes)**

**I. The Physical Touch of Healing**

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**II. The Faithful Touch of Healing**

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**III. The Spiritual Touch of Healing**

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**Questions**

**I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. Do you know of someone who was healed despite the diagnosis the doctors had given him? Can you explain how that happened?
2. Have you ever prayed for healing for someone and it didn’t manifest? How did that make you feel?

**II. Into the Bible**

1. Read the accounts of the Centurion’s servant in Luke 7:2-10 and Matthew 8:5-13. How does understanding authority coincide with faith to be healed?
2. Regarding the Centurion’s faith, Jesus said, “Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel”, (Matthew 8:10). How was a Gentile’s faith “so great” in comparison to that of Israel’s?

**III. Life Application**

1. Share a time when you witnessed or experienced a healing touch from the Lord. Based on the sermon, can you now identify whether it was a physical, faithful or spiritual touch?
2. What scriptures would you use to encourage yourself or others when you or they are praying for healing?