

Gift of Healing

The third gift of Power is the gift of healing.

Every Spirit filled Believer can be used by God in every one of the gifts. But having a particular gift is indicated by that gift flowing regularly or particularly strongly in an individual's life. For example, any Believer who is yielded to the Lord may at times operate in the gift of faith, or the gift of healing or be used by the Lord to bring a miracle to pass. The need determines the gift. But, some Believers are used frequently and primarily in one area more strongly or more regularly than in other areas.

All Believers are encouraged to lay hands on the sick and to pray for them. It is normal for the Lord to hear that prayer and heal the person they are praying for. As we yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit, He can develop these gifts in us.

HOW MANY GIFTS OF HEALING ARE THERE? SOME THEOLOGIANS SPECULATE THAT THERE MAY BE THIRTY NINE CATEGORIES OF DISEASE AS THERE WERE STRIPES PLACED ON THE BACK OF JESUS. LET'S LOOK AT WAYS WE CAN PRAY FOR HEALING:

A. Pray for yourself.

B. Have a family member pray for you.

C. Call for the minister and elders of your church – James 5:14-15.

MARK RECORDS MIRACLES OF HEALING PERFORMED BY JESUS:

A. Peter's mother-in-law healed of fever- Mark 1:29-31.

B. Many healed of various diseases after the Sabbath sunset – Mark 1:32-34.

C. Jesus cleanses a leper – Mark 1:40-45.

D. Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic – Mark 2:1-12.

E. Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath – Mark 3:1-5.

F. Jesus healed a demon-possessed man – Mark 5:1-20

G. Jesus restored life to Jairus' daughter – Mark 5:21-24; 35-43

H. Jesus healed a woman with an issue of blood – Mark 5:25-34.

I. Jesus said "...He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father – John 14:12."

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