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Healing

Hooked on a Feeling.

Most people want to wait until they "feel" anointed before they try to minister to someone.

Some have even been taught that they MUST wait until they feel anointed to minister.

NO WHERE are Christians told to wait to minister to anyone.

As a matter of fact, we are told to preach the word in season and out. The original greek of that verse says, "when opportunity presents itself and when it doesn't".

That means that it is always the right time to minister the Word.

The Bible says that the Gospel IS the power of God unto salvation....

If the Good News is the power of God and we are to preach the Good News, then it must always be the right time to minister to anyone.

Many try to feel something, that they assume would be the anointing.

We are not told to wait for an anointing.

The early disciples were told to wait until they had received

power from on high or more specifically, they were told to wait

for the promise of the Father, which happens to be the same thing. They had to wait until the Day of Pentecost for the Holy Spirit to be released.

No where after that day are they told to wait. As a matter of fact they began to minister immediately after receiving the Holy Spirit.

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

Rev. Curry Blake

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You need people that encourage you. You know iron sharpens iron. You need to be around people like that. Don't be around people that dull you. Life's too short. Be around people that sharpen you. See if you can sharpen them. If they don't want to be sharpened, get away from them. It's just that simple. There are people that Satan will send to sap you of your energy. You need to be able to find out who those people are and get away from them. Any minister knows exactly what I'm talking about.

Now let's pray. (Speak out loud)

Father, we thank you for this day. Lord, I thank You that You have seen fit to widen our areas of influence and Lord I just take full responsibility. Lord, I understand what a great responsibility it is. So Father, I ask that You help me to watch my mouth. To say only that which You would want Your people to hear. And Father we just bless Your name. We thank You for all of the things that You've done for us and what You are doing in us and through us. Lord, we just ask that the world will better see your Son through us. In Jesus' name. Amen

Matthew 7:24,

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him as unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rains descended, and floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be liken unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and

the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

“And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine: For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

Now, one of the things about John G. Lake that people don't seem to understand is that his understanding grew over time. Most everyone's does if they are truly men or women of God. If you read their materials, Smith-Wigglesworth, Amiee Semple-McPherson, any of them, you have to remember that their materials were collected over a lifetime of preaching. So what you read from the early years sometimes won't match what they say in the latter years. Because, hopefully they grew. Over that period of time hopefully there was growth in God. You have to take that growth into account anytime that you read something. So when you go back and read the first writings you might have already read some of the later writings. You don't always know when what you are reading came out. So everything you read, you should try to find out when it was written, when it was spoken, and you should try to find out something about what was going on.

I'm in the process of writing a book. It's a biography of Dr. Lake that will go year by year. You'll be able to tell where he was, who he was around, what sermons he preached, what was going on in his life, who were his friends at the time. Because who your friends are will determine what comes out of your mouth when you start preaching. That's why I said earlier, "You need to be around people that make you sharp."

Dr. Lake hung around with some pretty strong people. At one point I can pin point him in car going down the California coast. In the car with him, was a young man named Gordon Lindsay. I'm sure that he was just listening and not talking much at that point. Charles Parham was in that car with them and E.W. Kenyon. Now the old cars, as some of you may know, had the running boards on the side. And I started thinking what I would give to be able to hang on that running board and listen in on the conversations that took place in that car. So you have to realize what was going on to understand the Theology of Dr. Lake.

There are some things that stood out about Dr. Lake and which will stand out about any Apostolic ministry. Now you say what is Apostolic Ministry? I'm not talking about the way you baptize somebody. That is not the essence or the sum total of Apostolic Doctrine. The term Apostolic, as Dr. Lake used it and the way we use it today, means the way the Apostles taught and what they understood. But it primarily means even more than that. Literally it means, "Sent on a mission".

I have people come to me and say, "I'm called. God's called me to the ministry. He's called me to go preach. He's called me to do this or that." The very first thing out of my mouth is, "What is your message?" If they can't give it to me in a sentence. They're not ready. It's just that simple. Now I don't mean that they are not called to preach at all. I'm just saying at that point they are not ready to launch out into ministry. Because every minister has a message.

To be sent of God you have to have a message. He's going to tell you to go. But before He tells you to go, He's going to give you a message for the people you are going to. My mandate from God is very clear. My Mandate from God, is to restore Biblical New Testament Christianity. Now that's not just revival, that's revolution. It's not just a healing ministry.

Do you realize, that no person really has just a healing ministry? And if you do you're lopsided. Jesus did not have a healing ministry. The Apostle Paul said that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. And then he said that Christ had given the ministry of reconciliation to Paul and to all of us. Jesus did not have a healing ministry per se. He had a ministry of reconciliation. And that is the same ministry any minister has. You are not called to do one thing. Now there may be one thing that stands out, but you are not called to do one thing.

You are called primarily to reconcile the world unto God by way of Jesus Christ. So whenever you are ministering to a person you are going to be reconciling people. Now if you are going to reconcile people you are doing one of three things. You are reconciling their spirit to God. You are reconciling their soul to God. Or you are reconciling their body to God.

When you reconcile someone's body to God that's healing. When you reconcile someone's soul to God that is healing but it's emotional healing, it is soulish healing. It is a method of healing. It is renewing of the mind basically. That is the best way to say it. But whenever you renew, or reconcile, a person's spirit to God we call that salvation. But it is all the same thing. It's all just the life of Christ

being ministered to a person.

There are times when I will say something and people say, "Well I've already heard this before." There's a reason for that. Number 1 is you only remember only about 20% of what you hear any way. So if I really want you to understand it and to hear it, some times I have to say it at least 5 times so you'll catch it. So what God does He gives me a message and says, "The church needs to know this." And as I travel, I minister that same message everywhere I go. It always comes out different but it is, in essence, the same message because the church needs to know it.

You can get the message from tapes and you can get the benefit of an anointing from the tapes. What I mean by the anointing is, you can get the fire of God in you. But there is that which takes place when you are face to face, hands on, you hear the words coming from a person that hits you more so than just what's on a tape. So that's why I repeat a lot of things. There are truths that will always be true and you will always need to get hold of them and I'll say them for the rest of my life.

One of those points is that **whatever you tolerate will dominate you**. That's a fact. Whatever you tolerate. Sin dominated you as long as you tolerated it. When you got fed up with it, you got out of it. And if you didn't get fed up with it you're still in it. The best way to find out what sin a person is in, is to talk about a whole bunch of different sins and whichever one they defend that's usually the sin they are in. Usually that is the best way to tell it. And you say, "Well, I'm not doing that." If you are defending it you're doing it in spirit. You are doing it in heart whether you work it out or not. So Jesus said, "If you're not gathering with Me you are scattering." So there has to be a unity of the Spirit, which is what Ephesians tells us. We have to have unity with the Spirit of God. Which means we are going the direction God is going.

You just heard what Jesus was teaching. Actually, He had taught Matthew 5 thru 7 and at the end He said, "Now you have heard my words. If you act on them you are smart. And no matter what happens you'll stand. If you don't act on them, you're foolish and your house will fall." Not, it *can* fall. It *will* fall. And it says that, "Great will be the fall of it." So that means not only *will* it fall but *when* it falls it's going to do some damage.

When He got finished saying that, it says, "And when it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings the people were astonished at His doctrine." And then it tells us why. "For He taught them as one having authority not as the Scribes." The Scribes were basically the ones that the people really dealt with. The Scribes would all gather and say, "Well, Rabbi So and So said this. You know that could be true but this other Rabbi says this." They would never come to a conclusion. They were the quintessential politicians. You could never pin them down on anything and they would always change from one thing to another. It wasn't that they were trying to do that, they just didn't know.

But Jesus comes along and says, "Look, it's real simple. You do my words, you're smart. You'll stand. You don't do my words, you're foolish. You'll fall." All of a sudden the people are saying "wow" and they were astonished at His doctrine because He taught as one who had authority. You notice that one thing about Jesus, He never went and said, "Now wait a minute. Let me go check with Jerusalem. Let me run down to the council there at Tulsarusalem and let's see what they have to say."

Now there is wise counsel and you should have counsel around you. People that you trust, that you know where they are going. You know that they love you and that they care for you. But also that they care for God and the ministry and they know what it is going. Once you get hold of something from God and you know it's from God and you have proven it out in the Word of God go ahead and do it. I like what Davy Crockett said. "Make sure you're right. Then go ahead." Hey, I'm from Texas. What can I say?

There comes a time when you have to say, "You know what? I've heard from God." When you do that, if you'll make a stand God will back you up. As long as you've heard from God and it's in His Word.

One of the things now that we see is that once again, for the most part, there is no Word being taught with authority. Ministers today speak with a total lack of authority. Because they don't know. They are just preaching what they have heard someone else preach. You listen to a minister three times and you'll hear four different opinions. From the same minister! Because of some new book he's read. "This new book came out. Oh, everything is different now." No, it's the same book. It's the Bible.

One thing that I can say about Dr. Lake is that he caused me to read the Bible without a preconceived idea. He caused me, by his writings, to challenge what I had been taught. And I had been taught by

world-renowned teachers. I believed everything they said because I figured, "Well these guys are my spiritual leaders. They ought to know what they are talking about. I ought to listen to them." And then I kept looking at things and saying, "This isn't the way it's supposed to be. If this is true, and I can see this, and I'm right, then surely these guys that are light years ahead of me see it. If they see it and are not talking about it then they are dishonest. So that would disqualify them from being my spiritual leaders. If they don't see it then they are not real smart. And that would disqualify them from being my spiritual leaders." So I had to decide whether I was going to listen to them or read the Bible and find out what the Bible said. Well, I stuck with the Bible. It has caused a lot of flack because we don't toe a party line for the most part. To be honest I don't care about a party line. I want to see people get healed. I want to see people get free. I want to see the Glory of God manifested in His church. That's what I want to see.

Now the people "They were astonished at His doctrine because He taught as one that had authority." He didn't hem-haw around. He didn't say, "Let me go and check with somebody else." He said several times, "You've heard it said. But I say unto you." Every time He fought the devil, He said, "It is written." He always stuck with the Word.

Our problem is we think we are sticking with the Word. What we're really doing is, we're reading the Word, but we're reading it through either our denomination, or our group or movement or whatever it is. We're reading it through their eyes.

I have taken scriptures and said, "Now this is what it says. Now what does that mean to you?" And some one will say, "Oh, that says this." I'll wonder, "How did you get that out of this when it is so simple? We're reading the same thing. One verse. I'm not talking about having to interpret. I'm talking about one verse. I would even get to the point where I would take a newspaper and say, "OK. Read this sentence to me." And they would read it and I would read it. Now we both agree it says the same thing. How is it you can go to the Bible and all of sudden it means something totally different than what is written? I mean one sentence can be taken to mean something totally different. And when you get down to it it's because of their traditions. Usually it is because people try to spiritualize what is written. They try to find the "hidden" meaning and they ignore the plain meaning. When that happens, usually the plain meaning would require them to do something.

But instead of wanting to do something, they just want to come up with some special revelation. Something that will show people how "deep" they are, how "spiritual". How foolish.

Jesus said, "**You do err, not knowing the scriptures and the power of God.**" Now that's important. You need to make a note of that. "You do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God." If you don't know the scriptures **and** the power of God you will err. Just a matter of time. Every minister should be able to manifest the power of God when needed. If they can't, they should not be ministering.

Look at every cult. Every cult is in error for both reasons. They err because they don't know the power of God. Every one of them. You look at the Jehovah Witnesses. They err because they don't know the scriptures. You say, "Now wait. Jehovah Witnesses know scriptures." No, they know the New World Translation. That's what they know. They don't know the scriptures and they don't know the power of God because they will tell you that the power of God is passed away basically. Which is funny because then they say that the Holy Spirit is the power of God. So I guess the Holy Spirit died somewhere.

Any time that you don't know the scriptures, or you don't know power of God, then you are going to err. It's just that simple.

Jesus made a statement. "...you make the Word of God of none effect by your traditions." So anytime you are seeing results that differ from the Bible results - which is: Jesus healed them all, that's Bible results - any time you see something different **it is always your traditions that make the Word of God of none effect.** Always, every time. What you have to do is start analyzing your doctrine. Paul told Timothy, "Take heed at what you're teaching in your doctrine." He said it's because by your doctrine that you are going to save others and yourself. Doctrine is extremely important.

Now it shouldn't be dead and dry. I have one minister back where I came from that told a friend of ours, (this friend was quoting some Word of Faith teaching), and this other man was a local Pastor and he said, "That's good theology but in real life it doesn't work that way."

Well first off, if it's good theology it will work that way. Secondly, if it doesn't work that way in real life, it's not good theology. Real good theology is practical. It doesn't have to be dead and dried and

drawn out. It's practical.

The Assemblies of God has a statement of their 16 fundamental beliefs. I've gone through it, read it. And you can take each one of those things and beat the devil. Each one of them. You can beat the devil somewhere on one line anywhere through there. It is amazing. Even their own statement. But for the most part even most of the people that make the statements don't believe them and don't live by them. Even Jesus said, "I know the Pharisees, I know what they are doing and they are messing up. Don't do what they do. But if they tell you to do what the Bible says do it."

So there are only two things that will ever nullify the Word of God. One is traditions of man and the other is unbelief. Now unbelief nullifies the Word of God in your life for you, or in your life for someone else that you are ministering to. But their unbelief won't nullify the power of God working through your life even on their behalf. We've proven it. You say, "I don't believe that." Well what about the man with the demoniac son. The disciples tried to cast it out and said, "Lord, we couldn't do it."

The man came to Jesus and said, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." Obviously there was a mixture. Well you know if there is a mixture of belief and unbelief, unbelief over rules. Generally speaking. Jesus said, "All things are possible to him that believes." And the boy got delivered. So the man's unbelief, whatever amount there was, didn't stop the boy from getting delivered.

See this is the tradition we have. Well they've got to be in perfect belief. They have to be right on. They have to everything just right. We have this long chart we go through and it's a checklist.

I always joke like when you set up a computer you know it has this trouble-shooting thing. You know you've plugged it in. Now it doesn't work. OK, check your plug. Make sure it's really plugged into the socket. Now, check your power switch. Make sure it's turned on. And you go down this list. Yes, done that. Still doesn't work. OK, now go to this.

That's what we do with healing. We tell a person, "Oh come serve the most magnificent awesome God. He is it. He is the creator of the universe but if you got mad and kicked the cat this morning, forget it. He can't over rule that. He can create the world in six days but He can't over rule you getting mad at the cat or somebody that you cut off on the highway. That's ridiculous.

The power of God will flow through anybody that will let it. And the power of God is available just like electricity. These are the things that Dr. Lake taught that we've been able to get hold of.

Over at Brother and Sister Windsor's earlier this week in Illinois I made a statement that I still stand by it. I still believe it's true. That is, "An anointed teacher makes the complicated simple. But an annoying teacher makes the simple complicated." Unfortunately we've got a whole lot of people that make the simple complicated. Well, why is that? Well, because that guarantees they're needed. See the bigger mess that you can make, the more likely you are to be hired to clean it up.

"For He taught them as one having authority and not as the Scribes."

Later on we are going to get into some things that I've been waiting to get into. We're going to be dealing with the church. You say, "I thought we were going to be talking about healing." We are. But you can be talking about driving in the Indy 500 all you want but if you can't get the car running it isn't going to work. You'll just stand on the sidelines. Our problem is that we talk about the race but we end up not having our car running. So we're going to talk about how to get the car running; how to get the people out there actually doing the work.

One thing you'll learn about me, if you get around me very much, I will put you to work. The reason is because there are not enough people out there doing the work as it is. If that wasn't true I wouldn't be here. You wouldn't need me because you would already be doing it.

James 1:17-

"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."

First off we want to find out why God heals. The answer is basically that God heals because it is His nature to save and heal. It is His nature. He can't help it. God can't help himself. He heals because it's His nature. That's what's in Him.

You say, "Well I'm not too sure about that." We've been taught that we have to coerce God, beg God, twist His arm, and prove how some people deserve it. You can't do that.

The very thing that we tell people about healing, if they tried to do it with salvation, we'd run from them. Oh, salvation by works. No way. But we turn right around and do that with healing. People are taught that they can get healed by works but that they can't get saved by works. **Healing is salvation of the body.** Salvation of the spirit is what we call salvation. But salvation of the body is healing.

The Bible says very clearly that God, "who forgives all your sins, all your iniquities, and heals all your diseases." Isn't that what it says? Now, if you can't get your body healed, how do you know that you got your spirit saved? That's in the same verse. If you ask me for a dollar and I say I don't have a dollar but here's a ten. If I will give you the ten dollars of course I would give you the dollar. Everybody says, "Well, healing, that's nothing. Salvation of the spirit, that's what counts." Well if healing is "Nothing", (even though since Jesus died for it, I don't think I'd call it nothing. Because he did take a beating for it.) But let's say it is the lesser of the two. Well, if I can get the greater, of course I can get the lesser. Right?

You don't go buy a car and then say, "Oh yes I need some tires to go with that too. Can I get the tires too?" "That'll be extra." "No the tires come with the car." Why because they are part of the car. That's what makes it work. The Bible says, "He forgives all your iniquities. He heals all of your diseases." So if you can't get your body healed how do you know that your spirit is saved?

I have people say to me, "I just don't believe that God heals today at all."

I'll say, "Really? What's going to happen? What's the next thing that's going to happen in the church?"

They'll answer, "Oh it's the rapture. The rapture's going to happen next. I'm sure of it."

I then ask them, "Are you going in the rapture?"

They'll say, "You bet."

Then I'll say to them:

"So you're telling me that you can believe that in the twinkling of an eye God is going to change your physical, mortal body from corruptible to incorruptible. He's going to change you that quick. You're going to dematerialize, like on Star Trek, and get beamed out. God can do that. But He can't fix something that's wrong with your body now?"

"Well, that's not what I'm saying."

"That's exactly what you're saying. If you're not saying that, you're not saying anything. Because that is exactly what you are saying. So you can believe in a rapture but you can't believe in a healing?" (Please do not misconstrue this to mean that I don't believe in the rapture, I'm am just making a point. The reason we believe in one and not the other is because one we've heard taught a lot and the other we haven't.)

But yet we say we believe that "I'm saved" but can't get your body healed. Now you can see why I'm careful about where I say that. Because you get a weak new Christian, baby Christian, and they can get scared and start thinking they are not saved. So I have to be real careful how I say that.

Dr. Sumrall had a service in Tulsa and said, "Anybody that needs physical healing come down now." You know Americans, they'll look at their watch. "Yes, I got enough time to go down." They'll make sure that they are all set. And then they'll get up and kind of wander down. Now overseas you say, "Is there any one here that needs healing," and they will run down front. You don't even have to give a call. They'll run down there first. But these people wandered down and Dr. Sumrall was watching them. And this crowd kind of gathers up at the front. Finally he says, "OK ushers, stop them. No body else comes down." "Nobody else comes down. You had your chance. I gave the call. You didn't come. Don't come now. If you come now I'll send you back." That's just the way he was. I'm watching this and I'm getting mad at him. I'm thinking, "That isn't right. How can he tell the ushers to send them back?"

This woman came down. She thought that she was sneaking in. Sumrall was going down the line praying for people and he got to her and looked to her and said, "Where'd you come from?" She said, "I just came from up there." "Were you here before I said to stop?" "No." "Go sit down." He sat her

down. You could see the people in the audience whispering. I was waiting for the people to get up and leave. Because here in America you don't put up with that. But then Dr. Sumrall turned around and he looked at the congregation there and said, "If you're not hungry enough to come you aren't getting nothing. Because hunger draws God. And if you didn't come when I called, if you had to sit and decide whether you are going to come down, you aren't getting nothing." That's the way he was.

While in San Francisco, John Alexander Dowie, had people lined out in the hallways waiting to be prayed for. He prayed for maybe one out of twenty-five to fifty. Just one. He'd walk down the hall and say, "You a Christian?" "Yes" "You smoke?" "Yes" "Go home. I'm not going to pray 'God heal your body' while you are trying to destroy it." Well, he only prayed for about one out of twenty-five or fifty. But everybody that he prayed for got healed.

You don't see the world beating a path to their door of the men that God has used greatly. For the most part people run from them. When I was up there is South Bend, Dr. Sumrall, lived in a little house behind the church. You could go over there any time you wanted to. There was no crowd there. Greatest man of God I've ever known personally. Fifty years in ministry never a controversy. Not even a hint of controversy. Tremendous ministry.

Now there may be times, and for those who know how I pray, I get loud. I'm usually soft spoken when I'm preaching and talking to people. I'm very calm. You know I don't work people up into frenzy before we pray for them. But whenever I minister we get kind of loud. Well that's because I'm talking to the devil. I'm not praying to God. I'm not talking to you. I'm talking to the devil. I yell at the devil a lot of times because he does not like to listen. He's like a little kid that sits there and goes, "nah nah nah." You have to get loud sometimes to get his attention. Yelling also brings that fight up out of you. When you get loud that automatically brings it up. You can't help it. Paul said to **stir up** that gift that is in you. That's one way to stir up that gift. It's one of the best ways.

Another way to stir up the gift is speaking in tongues. The best way to speak in tongues to stir up the gift is to speak in tongues loud. It's the same thing. It's the best way. I tell everybody **there are three ways to speak in tongues: Fast, Loud, Hard.** You do that and it works every time. But you need to pray in tongues and you need to do it daily. You need to start out wherever your limit is. The next day you do 5 minutes more. Pretty soon you're up to an hour. Then you're up to two hours. When you can do it for 3 or 4 or 5 hours, loud, then you have some spiritual strength. Not to mention physical strength, because that will wear you out.

When we started in the healing ministry we didn't have a crowd of 100 that wanted to be prayed for at one time. We were in our living room praying for 3 and 4. We could stay as long as we needed to get the job done. People started getting healed and they started bringing more people out. Especially one brother. He got healed of mercury poisoning and became an "evangelist". He plays pool in a pool hall. He would go out on a Friday and Saturday night playing pool in the beer halls. That's how he made his living. Playing pool. Apparently he was a good pool player. He would be out there in this pool hall amongst sinners. God forbid, didn't he get defiled? Guess not. Didn't lose his healing. He'd go out there and he would hear that some one got sick. He would tell them that he knew of a guy, that could get them healed. He didn't go into a long "I don't know what you believe. But if you believe right and I believe right then we can get lined up and we can tap into the spiritual energy."

No, Peter, would hear somebody's sick and he would bring them to my house. I'd pray for them. They'd get well. He'd go back out. There was a couple times he came in from the pool hall, brought somebody with him, we'd pray for them and he'd go back out to the pool hall and finish playing pool. That was going on regularly.

There was one time a lady had an aneurysm and he had found out about it playing pool and came and got me about 1:30 in the morning. "What did you do? Wait until last call before you came and got me or what?" He said that he had just found out about this lady. She is in the hospital and they don't expect her to live. I told him OK.

He said, "Let's go to the hospital." He loved to go to the hospital. He'd come over and get me and we'd go. I told him, "Let's call up there first to see and make sure that she is there. Make sure that we can get in." So we called and they told us that you couldn't come right now because we are getting her ready to fly to Dallas. I told him to go home and go to bed and to be back out here by 8:00 in the morning. We'll go to the hospital and pray for her. I told him that I'm going to pray for before I go to bed.

I really don't like to have people around me when I pray.. A lot of times people will hear you. They are listening to you. They are trying to hear your words. It's not the words. It's knowing that it is

done. Whatever words that do come out, it will have something to do with that, but it's not the words. You can hear the words. You can repeat the words and it won't work because **you have to know that God is going to do what He said He's going to do.** That's all faith is. Just confidence that God means what He said.

I said that I'm going to walk around and pray a little bit and I'll meet you in the morning. I go to bed after I pray for the lady. I get back up in the morning and look out my window. He slept in his car outside because he didn't want to miss going to the hospital. I told him if I had known that you were going to sleep there in the car you could have at least slept here. I thought that you were going to go home.

I said, "Let's call the hospital and find out what is going on." I called down there and the daughter was there and I said, "This is Curry Blake. I want to come and pray for you mom." "Who are you?" "Well who I am is not really important. But I'm Curry Blake and I just want to come and pray for your mom." "Do you know my mom?" "No. I never met her." "Why would you come and pray for her?" "Well, because she needs help." "But you never met my mom." "I know. I never met your mom." "Who are you again?" "I'm Curry Blake." "Do I know you?" "No, I've never met you." "And you never met my mom?" This woman was just amazed that somebody would come and pray for her mom that didn't know her. That just blew her away. And I thought, "Where's the church?" The church has a reputation with the world that basically says we don't care for anyone That does not belong to our church.

And I kept talking to this woman on the phone. This woman said, "They are taking my mom to Dallas for tests. They ran tests on my mom last night. She had this aneurysm. They were afraid that she was going to die. They ran test on her again this morning. They can't find the aneurysm. So they are going to take her to Dallas because their instruments are better and more fine tuned and they can be more specific."

And I said, "Well the reason they can't find it is because we prayed for your mom last night. She's healed." I said, "She'll be OK now."

"Who are you again?"

This kept going on. I said, "Well, when your mom gets back, if she wants to, I'd like to come and see her or tell her to call me."

They took her to Dallas. Three days later she's at home. They couldn't find anything wrong with her. She's well. I mean God just healed her overnight.

Do you know how Smith Wigglesworth got healed?

When he was a young man he had appendicitis. A young man and woman came to his house and they started praying for him. At the end of the prayer the young man jumped on the bed and punched him in the stomach. Well with a person with appendicitis that takes faith. And it worked, it got him healed. Now Wigglesworth, years later, started praying for the sick. After he was fifty years old he received the Baptism of the Spirit and started praying for the sick. Now guess how he ministered to people? He punched them. That's what he is known for. Punching, kicking. He never heard God say, "I want you to punch this person." He knew what worked with him and he did it. Real simple. No special divine revelations. No special leading. No Word. None of that. He just saw something that worked and he did it.

Peter T. once said to me, "You know I've been healed of this. I've been healed of the mercury poisoning." (Which had the effect on his body that made him look like he had AIDS.) But he got healed of that and then he came to me one night and said, "Curry I'm watching these people get healed and it's awesome. Now I'd like to get healed of my allergy. I can't eat certain things."

I said, "If you could eat or drink anything right now what would you do?"

He said, "Well, I would like to have a vanilla milkshake from Jack In The Box."

You know I'm sitting here and it's late at night and I'm thinking, "Yes. That sounds good." And I'm standing here talking to him and I said, "If you leave right now and go get that milkshake and drink it right now you'll be absolutely healed."

He said, "Bye." Got in his car and went to Jack In The Box. I didn't see him for about 3 or 4 days.

Next time I see him he's out at the mall walking toward me with a toothpick in his mouth. I said, "Where've you been?"

He said, "I just got back from El Chico's"

I said, "How have you been doing?"

He goes, "I just got back from El Chico's."

He was absolutely healed of all of his food allergies. He said, "Man, I went and did what you told me to do and I've been healed ever since."

A lady had food allergies and hadn't been able to eat anything for several days. I said, "What is it that you'd like to eat?" She said that she would like to have some pasta but she couldn't keep it down. Every time she tried, she just couldn't keep it down. I said, "OK. Well it's late but you find some pasta and you eat it and you'll be healed."

She went and got the pasta. The next day when we walked in the door she said, "Curry Blake. I've got a testimony for you."

I looked at my wife and said, "Now that's good to walk into." So we walked on over to her. She said, "I went and got the pasta last night and ate it." There were all kinds of other things that she had: Problems with her arm; Problems with her back; A whole bunch of stuff. Absolutely, totally healed. Everything. What did she do? Did I pray for her? No. I didn't pray for her. I didn't pray for the man with allergies either.

There was a young girl in Jacksonville, Fl., that was allergic to certain foods, particularly carrots. There was another lady in the meeting that was allergic to seafood. I have a lot of home meetings where I meet in people's living rooms. We had about 85 people in the living room of this house. Too many people to put chairs in there, so adults were just sitting on the floor. Because if you put chairs in there you limit the number of people that you can put in there. This lady said that she was allergic to shrimp.

I said, "OK. Go find some seafood." The lady that owned the house said that she had some shrimp in her refrigerator. So they cooked it. She sat right there and said, "I'm glad I'm here. If I had went to a restaurant I'd be there by myself. At least you're here." So it was not her faith that was getting the job done. She ate the shrimp. And everybody was watching her. Waiting to see if she had a reaction. And the little girl they found some carrots in a can. So they heated up the carrots and gave the little girl carrots. Both of them were absolutely healed. Didn't pray for either one of them.

I don't pray for people with allergies anymore. I just tell them to go and eat it. So if you have a food allergy, I'm telling you now you don't have to come and ask. You know what I'm going to tell you. Go find what you're allergic to and go eat. And if you'll do that you'll be healed. It's that simple.

Now the reason I'm saying this is that we are finding out some things. I'm taking all of the doctrines, all the traditions, all the things, every reason why I've heard that God won't heal and we are putting them to the test of the Word. And so far I haven't found one that holds up. Not one. There is not one that holds up.

Even sin. Sin doesn't stop the power of God. You can be in sin and still get healed. Now woe be to you if you remain in sin after you are healed. That's why Jesus said, "Go and sin no more." Obviously you should give up the sin.

But you know most people won't give up sin until they see the power of God manifested in their body. They won't do it because God's not real even though they see it. Yes, you have to experience it. My job is to get people to experience the power of God. See I'm not here to really get you healed. I mean if you need to be healed then yes. We want to get you healed. Because, as a representative of Christ, you should have a healthy body. But my job is to get you out ministering healing to others. That's my job.

I was up in Ruth Ward Heflin's. I was up there with a meeting with her and Bob. Bob was preaching and he gave the alter call. Crowds came down. He started praying for them for salvation and they came up and said, "Brother Blake would you like to help Brother Bob pray?"

“Well he’s got the salvation. Bring the sick down here on this side and I’ll pray for the sick”

So they brought the sick down and it was tremendous. I started about 9:00 praying for the sick. At 1:30 the crowd was still the same size. I mean they were coming, they just kept coming. I stood there and at 1:30 they came and got me. They said, “Brother Blake you’ve got to go to your room so you can come back in the morning.”

You know you’re going down the line – now this is something that you have to remember if you are going to be involved in a healing ministry at all – I had already seen that who I touched got well and who I didn’t touch die or at least has a good chance of dying. I proved that out in a city in North Carolina and it made an affect on me.

You don’t turn it on, turn it off. People talk about turning on the anointing. Turning off the anointing. The anointing coming and going? **The anointing doesn’t come and go. You come and go.** The Holy Spirit is the anointing and He’s always on. He always wants people well. He’s ready. Most of the time it’s from your own physical or your own mind won’t stand up to the strain of continuous activity of the Holy Spirit. All that revival is is whenever Christians start to obey the scriptures again and the Spirit is able to move freely through them. **The Holy Spirit only acts on the Word of God. And if you’re not doing the Word of God He can’t work through you.**

So a revival is nothing more than when Christians begin to obey the scriptures. Now that’s not me saying that. Charles Finney said that back in the 1800’s. He also said that man was not made to operate under that continuous, he called it a, strain of the Holy Spirit operating through them. Now I personally believe we could and believe we will. I believe that’s called the corruptible taking on incorruptibility.

But I was there in Virginia, praying for these people and at 1:30 they came to get me. I said, “There’re still lines of people. Where do I stop? If this was your sister, your wife, would you be getting me now or would say no do one more?” You see. You can’t stop. If you can stop you don’t believe in what you’re doing. Because if you really believe that who you lay your hands on gets well you’ll be laying your hands on everything that moves. And some things that won’t move. If they die and you can get to them, they’re not moving, lay your hands on them.

I was going down the line and there was this lady from Omaha. I turned and she was beside me. I looked at her and said, “Can I help you?”

She said, “I want what you’ve got.”

I said, “OK.” I grabbed her and command her to receive. She went down. That doesn’t mean anything special that she went down. I’m just telling you what happened. If she hadn’t gone down she still would’ve received. God doesn’t put a premium on falling. Most of the time if you’ve heard me you know my stand on falling. Most of the time when you fall you get out of the Spirit any way. You are too worried about how you look lying there. So you start trying to adjust. So I prefer you not to fall out. I prefer you to stand and let the power of God work in you. You don’t have to fall. Now if you do, you do. But you don’t have to.

Then I went on praying for the other people. Couple minutes later I looked back and there she is again. Just standing beside me, watching me. I said, “What are you doing?”

“I’m watching you. I want what you’ve got.”

I said, “You’ve got what I’ve got. Just go use it right down there. You get in that end of the line. I’m at this end of the line. We’ll meet in the middle.”

“OK.” She went down there and every now and then I’d glance out of my eye and I’m looking down there and people are falling. Everybody she’s touching. And their getting up and I hear, “I’m healed. I’m healed. There’s no pain.”

Not long drawn out. One good, “Receive.” That’s all it took. That’s it. She went on. Then later on that night, and that’s how we got through most of the crowd, she and her husband invited me to Omaha. We ended up in having meetings in her home.

There was a young man in there that had leukemia. I have to tell you these stories really quick because I don’t want to cry. When I start talking about these stories I start crying every time because I’m back there and I see it. If you ever allow God to work through you and you lay your hands on

somebody and they're healed, it changes you. I couldn't go back. There is no way I could go back to the way I was before. When I started doing this there was sin in my life. I'll be honest with you. I'm not here hiding anything. There was sin in my life when I first started doing this. And the fact that God still used me, you know what it did? It drove me to my knees. I went to God. There came a time, and I even told my wife at one point, she said, "What are you going to do about this?" I said, "What do you think I've got to do. I've got to do something."

Every time I lay my hands on somebody, God heals them. And every time I do it's a testimony to them of God's power. But it is also on the Day of Judgment, it's going to be a testimony. These people that I lay my hands on, that I'm getting healed by putting my hands on because of the power of God and there's sin in my life and I know it. I know God is healing them. These same people I'm going to see again on the Day of Judgment because God's going to bring them forward as a witness against me. "You knew. You saw this one healed and you still didn't get out of sin." So if there is sin in your life get it out. God will still heal people under you. He'll heal people with sin in your life. Why? Because He loves them. He wants to help the people. But get it out because those same people will become witnesses against you some day. Because God is going to say, "You've got no excuse. You knew I was real. You knew it was true." I had to get the sin out of my life. It totally changed me.

And this little boy – when I start talking about the kids that's when it really gets to me. So I have to tell it kind of fast and kind matter of factually. This young man had a certain type of leukemia. There was a blood clot and they had to amputate one of his legs from the knee down. They had found another blood clot of the same type in the other leg and said they were going to take the other leg off at the hip. I think this young man was 11 years old. And I sat there and I watched this young man. When I came in he was sitting there and he had this prosthesis on for his leg. And he had the crutches and he was walking around. They had given him all different kinds of treatments and stuff and he was looking kind of ruff. He came up to me and I prayed. The reason they asked me to pray was so that the other blood clot would disappear so they wouldn't have to amputate the leg. So I prayed and we commanded this thing to leave. We commanded for it to leave his body without any side affects and no problems. Then he asked me, "Do you think that God would give me my other leg back?"

I said, "No, I don't think He will. I know He will. I know He will."

And this young man said, "Would you pray for me?"

And so I sat down. He was on the couch and I sat down on the floor in front of him. And he took off this thing, you know this leg, this prosthesis, and I sat there and I held his – I'm not trying to be crude – but I held the nub of his leg in my hands and commanded it to grow. I commanded it to be restored.

Well about a month after that we got a call that they had been to the doctor. The blood clot had left the other leg. There was no sign of leukemia. And the amazing thing to them was that they had the growth plates removed. That's what makes things grow in the body. They had removed those out of that leg because they can cause problems they say. They couldn't explain how come he leg had grown 3 inches. God is growing that leg back. Now I haven't heard back from them in about a month and a half. But God is growing his leg back. Why doesn't God just do it instantly? I don't know. Maybe it's because I'm not there to keep laying hands on him and to continue to impart unto him.

There's something you have got to learn. I appreciate Word of Faith teaching. OK. I identify with them as much as they let me. For the most part they kind of keep me at arms length right now because of some of the things I'm saying. But I love them. I appreciate them. If it hadn't been for their teaching I wouldn't be where I'm at today as far as what I know and things. It definitely helped. But Romans 12, if I don't get into it this week you have to study Romans 12. Because that and Ephesians 3:20 answers all your questions concerning healing. Romans 12 and Ephesians 3:20 those are it.

It is according to your faith that you minister the gift that you have been given. So it's whatever level of faith. I always use numbers because that it is easier to understand. Let's say healing takes 100 units of faith. OK? If I'm operating at 25 units of faith it's going to take me laying hands on that person 4 times. If I'm operating at 10 units of faith it's going to take me 10 times. And people say, "Well I laid hands on them and nothing happened." Keep doing it. Keep doing it. Why? Cause every time you lay hands on them you minister more out of your spirit.

Where do you think the Spirit of God is going to come from to minister to these people? It's not going to fall from heaven. It comes through His people. If it could fall from heaven God would have just said, "Everybody, be healed." And everybody would be healed because it would just fall from heaven.

There has to be somebody believing that will lay hands and transfer the Spirit of God. If there is no transfer of something then laying hands on people is foolish. Why do you do it? "Well, it is ritual."

Christianity has no ritual in it. It has no ritual. Everything Christianity does has a purpose and it produces. You say, "Well what about the Lord's Supper?" Glad you asked. The Lord's Supper is not a ritual. Let me tell you this. If you thought that in your heart, if you are thinking that it is a ritual, it is why you are sick right now. That's why you are sick. That's what Paul said, "That because you have not discerned the body of Christ there are many among you that are sick, weakly and some even sleep." Which he meant dead.

Now you notice he did not say because did not discern the blood. He said because you do not discern the body. The blood is for your salvation. The body is for your healing. And if you don't discern the body when you participate in communion you drink damnation on yourself. That damnation is that sickness and disease that you are not getting healed of. A communion service is, in my opinion, the number one healing service. If you want a mass healing service do a communion service. I'm telling you if you do it right there will be people getting healed as they take that Welch's and they take that cracker and they participate in it. God will heal their bodies because they discern correctly the body of Christ.

But you have got to preach it. You have got to tell them, "If you do this, don't do it until you discern the body right." That body which is broken for you. Well it wasn't broken for your salvation. You know for your sins. It was broken for your healing.

You keep laying hands on people. You keep doing it. You keep going back. That's why Dr. Lake had the results that he did at the healing rooms. That's what did 100,000 healings in a five year period. It's because he and 16 other people that he had trained knew, and made the people to commit to coming back for 30 days. He told them, "I will continue to minister to you but you have to commit to come back for 30 days."

He had one lady call him and said that she was not coming back. He told her that she had only been there for 5 days. She said, "I know." He said, "Oh so that's the kind of person you are. You make a commitment and then you back out." She said, "Well I don't need to come back because I'm healed." Well that's good enough.

But there was another young man that disappeared after like a week and Dr. Lake found him. Did you get healed? He said that he didn't. "Well, why didn't you come back?" He said, "I just didn't see I was getting changed." So nothing happened. Lake said, "Well, if you'll come back God will heal you." So the young man came back again and stayed about another week and disappeared. Dr. Lake saw him again and asked him why don't you come and stay until a full 30 days? Finally, the young man said that he would do it. He came back. On the 29th day he got healed.

Was God waiting for the 29th day? No. God was waiting to see the commitment in his spirit to say, "I really want this. I want to be healed."

The other story about Dr. Lake at the healing rooms there was that this man came one time. This is a point. Even the newspapers as a matter of fact said that Dr. Lake would pray for "Sinner, Saint, Jew, Catholic." I'm giving you the list that was in the paper. This man went into his office one day and Dr. Lake was sitting behind his desk. This young man said, "I need healing." And Lake said, "OK." Then the man said, "I'll tell you though I have no faith in doctors, I have no faith in God, I have no faith in preachers and I don't have any faith in you." Lake laughed. Pushed himself back away from the desk and said, "That's alright young man. I've got enough faith for the both of us." The man was absolutely healed.

That defies most common teaching. But I'm telling you, you can get a hold of the Spirit of God. You can have Him indwell you to the point where you can lay your hands on anybody, anytime, anywhere of any thing and have them healed. Because all you're doing when you do that is you are demonstrating the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The Reign and Rule of the Lordship of Jesus Christ over sickness and disease. Then once you do that you say, "Well they're not believing." Well they will. They should. Because the goodness of God draws men to repentance. That's what the Bible says. You get them healed then say, "Now shouldn't you serve God." If they don't then you walk off knowing that they are going to get it back 7 times worse.

You say, "Are you really doing them a service if they are going to get it back again?" You don't know what they are going to do until you get them healed. A lot of people may be in some really deep sin and you get them healed and they will walk out of it. You say, "Well maybe we shouldn't do anything

unless we know they are going to.” You never know what they are going to do.

Lake prayed for one man that had a real bad disease on his foot and couldn't even walk or work and he prayed for the man. A week later went back by the house and his mother said, “Oh he's down at the dance hall. He's been down there ever since you came by that day. He dances every night.” Kept his healing. God didn't do anything to him. But Lake told her, “You need tell him to get right with God. Because if he doesn't it won't be long and that thing will come back on him.”

Well why? Is it God that'll put it back on him? Of course not. Do you think that God doesn't know that man's heart? Sure He does. He knows the end from the beginning. So God doesn't differentiate. “If you call me, somebody uses faith, I'll heal them. If they don't get right I know the enemy will come back in because I have no right to continue to bless him.”

Look at it this way. Jesus is a King. We are trying to win people over to His Kingdom. You don't do that by going out telling people, “Live for God. It's a great life. But if you mess up He's going to smash you in the head, give you some awful disease or kill your kids to get you back in line.”

Well, number one, you're not that important. You're not important enough for Him to kill somebody else over. You need to think about that. He's not going to take your kids and kill you kids because you mess up.

Now as we go out and witness for this King we need to tell them, “You need to serve this benevolent King because He has only good things in store for you. Instead of serving this king that you've been serving.” And you tell them that he'll heal anybody, any time, anywhere of any thing. We're the ones that make the limits. Not God. We are the ones. Our limits. Your own conscience. The biggest hindrance to healing is the conscience of the person praying. That's the biggest hindrance. If you don't think that God can use a person like you don't lay hands on them because He won't. All you are doing is hurting people because they won't see anything and then they will say that God doesn't want me well. No it's not God that don't. It's you that don't because you didn't get right before you did it and you have no confidence.

The Bible talks about having a clean conscience before God. Because, if your conscience is clean you have confidence toward God. That's what the Bible says. If you have confidence toward God guess what? That's called faith. Then you will get what you prayed for. Have a clean conscience.

It's the number one hindrance, in my opinion, to the power of God. Because people think, “I'm not worthy for God to use me.” You still won't be worthy. You can't be worthy in that sense. He makes you worthy. He makes you able to where He can use you. But it's nothing that you do.

So we tell people all of the time, “Oh, come the Christ.” “Oh, I have to get my life right. I've got to get straightened up first. Get my life cleaned up first.” And we tell them, “No, no don't wait. Now, today is the day of salvation.” If they talk about waiting and cleaning their life up we get on to them. We get mean toward them. “No, don't do it. That's filthy rags to God just come as you are.” And then we turn right around and we start to pray, “Oh God, I know my life should be clean. I know that I should clean up my life before I come to pray for this person. I know that you can't use me because of...” You're a hypocrite. You're telling them to do something that you're not living by. You're telling them that God is one way and then you are proving it by your actions that you believe He is another way. Just get your hands on people. Get out of sin. Sin is not that big of a deal. It's not worth it. I'm telling you. You get your hands on some people, you start watching them get well, sin pales in comparison. I mean it pales. There is nothing, nothing like this. I could go on not even teaching but just sharing testimonies. I could go on for weeks. Stand right here and just tell testimony after testimony. It is amazing what God is doing.

And He's doing it through other people other than just me. I would tell you personal testimonies cause I've seen them. But the people we're teaching, the people that are getting a hold of the message are doing it. And not people who have been through all of the training. I know, like Sister Ann. Came down to Eureka Springs. She was there for 4 or 5 days something like that. Now she had some teaching before. I'm not saying that it was all me. I'm just saying that it doesn't take that long to get a hold of it. And she started getting their hands on people and they started seeing results. I was at her church just last weekend. We had testimonies Sunday morning. We had almost an hour worth of testimonies. Not necessarily like, “Brother Curry laid hands on me and this happened.” But people going out and doing it. People that I had never seen. I knew them because they were in her church. It's not me. The more you get a hold of that the more you realize that He can use you. I'm telling you all God has done is given me a platform from which to speak to encourage you to get your hands on people.

Like I tell everybody, I believe that I have 2 gifts that God has given me. Both of them are ones that I desired. One is the ability to impart information, to teach, and get information to people so they can get a hold of it. The second one is to be able to read the Bible with un-biased eyes. I believe that is the only gifts that I claim, it would be them. I don't know what you would call them. But that is what I claim. Because I don't claim a gift of healing, per se. But I just know that God wants the church to rise up.

Now I operate in a particular office and as such there is an authority that comes with it. But at the same time, you determine that authority, because it's you that has to decide whether to listen or not. In reality there is really only one answer. All you can do is decide is what I'm saying "Bible." If it is, you do not have a right to choose whether you are going to obey it or not. If it's Bible, if you claim to be a Christian, you are bound to obey it. My job is to make sure all I tell you is what does the Bible say. I do my best and I am definitely open to anybody that has got something to say. Please come to me and let me know. Tell me. "You know you quoted a scripture wrong or you did this wrong or something." If you come, come with scripture. Don't come and tell me what your church says or what you've heard some preacher say because I don't care. I've heard all that before and I still buried my daughter. But now I've seen babies and children not get buried because I decided to go against what some preachers were saying and I started reading what the Bible said. Amen.

Right now we are kind of low key because back there I was crying a little bit so I'm still trying to get over that. To give you an example. You say, "Well why were you crying." It was a very selfish cry. Everywhere I go I look around and I see what God is doing and opening doors like this to us. And when I walk in it affects me. Because I know better than anybody that by all rights and means God should not use me. But He does and I'm extremely thankful. Nobody knows how thankful I am.

My mom was at Eureka Springs not too long ago at the healing rooms there. And when she walked in she started crying. She had heard me talk about this for 20 years. She came to me and said, "These people don't understand. I've heard you talk about this. I heard you describe this and how it should be done. Now I look around where ever you go they're springing up. They don't understand this is 20 years. I see it and it is coming to pass."

I joke all the time. I tell them it has taken me 20 years to be an overnight success. So I'm just telling you. Believe me. God will use you. Don't think that He will just use you to heal head aches. He will use you to do anything that needs to be done. OK?

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

Curry Blake

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Father I fully expect you to speak through me by your Spirit to meet the needs of your people. So in the name of Jesus we break, we bind, we cast out, we drive off, we resist anything that would try to hinder, to distract, to pull away from, that in anyway that would cause me to hold back. In the name of Jesus I thank you for it Father. So be it. Amen.

Here's what we're going to do. If you have your Bibles go to Judges 13. We're going to look at couple of things tonight. While you're doing that I'm going to read something to you. Now I know that I told you to go to Judges. Go there but I'm fixing to read you another verse while you're going there. I'm going to read to you from II Timothy 4:2

"Preach the word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Do you realize that you can reprove, rebuke and exhort with doctrine. Doctrine means teaching. As you're teaching you can reprove, you can rebuke, and you can exhort. To some people that are hearing it they will be reprovved. Others will be rebuked and others will be exhorted. You're saying the same word to three different people. Three different types of people. Three different soils you might say.

Now I preach what I see in the Bible. What it says by scripture. I try not to read anything into it or anything out of it. In doing so I've had people say, "Well you're putting me under condemnation." I can't put you under condemnation. Matter of fact all I can do is preach the word. You decide if it is conviction or condemnation.

Conviction, when you get under conviction you're shown a way out and you decide to take it and you know you should. "This is a way out and I should go that way."

If you get under condemnation and you come tell me that I've preached you under condemnation what you're saying is, **"I heard the word preached and I refuse to obey it. I refuse to change. I refuse to come out of what I'm doing so therefore I'm under condemnation." Condemnation puts you down and makes you feel as though there is no way out. So I don't decide that. You decide that.** All I do is preach the word.

Now we need to look at that word for just a second. The "preach" is the Greek word *kerusso*. And it means, now listen to this. You as ministers should judge yourselves. You as congregation members, audience, whatever you want to call it, saints is what the Bible calls you, you should decide if what you're hearing is what this Bible and what the Greek word says "Preaching" is. And if you're not hearing "Preaching" you should find out where you can hear it and go there.

Here's what it says, "*Kerusso*: to be a herald, to officiate as a herald." What was a "Herald?" Back in the king's days they had a person that would come into town when the king had issued a decree. They'd walk in and they'd pull out this thing in the town center where all of the people would gather. They'd ring a bell and say, "Hear ye, hear ye. Thus saith the king." And they would start to preach this. When they preached, what were they doing? They were being a herald. That is preaching. Now notice it means to, "Officiate as a herald." It is to, "Proclaim after the manner of a herald." To proclaim. It is always, now listen to this, this type of preaching – where it says we're told to preach the word – this type of preaching will be this way, **"Always with the suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed."**

Now right now you can judge whether you've heard preaching or whether you've not heard preaching. **Preaching should make you come to a point where you have to decide, "I'm going to obey this because the Word says so."** That's what preaching should do. It should box you into a corner, back you into a corner, put you in a place where there is no way out other than obedience or disobedience. That's it.

Now, it means to, "Publish, to proclaim openly something that has been done." Not something that is going to be done but something that has been done.

In Luke 4:18, Jesus said quoting Isaiah 61 that the Lord had anointed Him to do what? To preach, to proclaim. Now listen to this,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Three times it said to preach. "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." To proclaim, you have to read proclaim in there every time. "To proclaim the gospel to the poor. To proclaim deliverance to the captives. To Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Now "to proclaim" is not to say, "The Lord wants to heal you. He wants to set you free. The Lord loves you. He wants to move in your life." You're not proclaiming anything. You may be sharing. That's what I was telling my brother a while ago. This afternoon I was not preaching/ I was sharing. And there is a time and place for that. There's nothing wrong with it but it's not my job. Not whenever I'm in front of a congregation. My job is to preach, to proclaim.

Now "to proclaim" means to declare something that has been done. To "Proclaim" is not to say, "If you'll come to Christ He will set you free." **To "Proclaim" the gospel is to say, "You've been set free. You are free. You've been healed and I'm here to enforce that deliverance."** That's what it is. That's what it means to "Proclaim." For the most part, most of the gospel you hear preached today is, honestly, an excuse for some type of reasoning that man has come up with so they do not have to put themselves on the line to produce. And **any minister that cannot produce the Spirit of God tangibly at will has no business preaching the gospel.** Because otherwise you are no different than any cult or anybody else that walks up to the door at the same time you do and says, "I'm here to proclaim to you the gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ." And they walk up and say,

“I’m here to proclaim to you the gospel of or to proclaim the kingdom of Jehovah.” And the person looks at us and says, “Well you both seem the same.” Matter of fact the other guy will probably be dressed nicer than you are. There should be at some point in you giving your spiel and this other person giving their spiel somebody has to say, “OK who shall I believe? Because so far all you both have given is words.”

So when it comes down to it who are they supposed to believe? Well, if it comes down to who knows scriptures better more than likely they are going to beat you. Because most Christians don’t know scriptures. Not well. And they can usually be chewed up pretty good by most cults. Because the cults drive them.

My wife was raised a Jehovah’s Witness. One of the main things that helped in that situation was the fact that I knew God would still do what he’s always done. And they said that God stopped. And if He did stop that means that He would have to change His character. **So when you stand in front of people and say, “I’m here as a witness of the gospel.” Then you are also saying, whether you like it or not, “You are here to manifest the Spirit of God.”**

The Spirit of God is to be no less powerful, no less active, and is to accomplish no less in the body of Christ today than it did in the body of Christ in Jerusalem and in Israel 2000 years ago. Same Spirit in the body of Christ. It is the same Spirit in the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ. The Bible says, “The church, which is His body, “ If you will ever get a hold of that and realize that you’re not an independent entity, that you’re not off on your own, but you are part of The Body.

I’m going to ask you, “How many of you here would like to live and minister under an anointing of the Spirit of God?” OK? I’m going to show you how to do it right now. Hold your places in your Bibles. Here’s what I want you to do. Take your Bible. Let me see it. Now you know that this is not your sword regardless what anybody may say this isn’t your sword this is your Bible. Your sword is this, the word, in here, your mouth. If it is not in here it is not your sword. Now, take your Bible put it right over your head. OK. You have just all come under an anointing.

Jesus, The Christ, The Anointed One, He is anointed. You’re anointed because He is anointed. If He ever stopped being anointed you would stop being anointed. But until He stops being anointed you will never stop being anointed. Does He live in you?

If you have \$10 in your pocket you have the capacity to purchase anything that \$10 will buy. As such you have the ability of \$10. Right? The ability. Jesus said that it was the Spirit of God in Him, His Father, that did the works in Him. Right? Acts 10:38

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.” Why? “For God was with Him.”

The Bible says that if God is with you, or if we’re with God, we can do all things. Right? If we are without God we can’t do anything. But we are not without God. So why do we always act like we are without God? Why do we always feel like we are without God? It’s mainly because we keep talking about God, “Because He’s out there somewhere.” And this is the gospel. That God is not out there any more. But it is God with us. Emmanuel, God with us. God in you.

Remember I told you this morning about the people that wanted to get healed of different food allergies. I told them to go eat something or do something they couldn’t do or couldn’t eat. They did and they got healed. This sister was telling me earlier she was thinking, “If I’m going to go to him and he’s just going to tell me to go eat something that I couldn’t eat before, why go to him? I might as well just go and eat something that I couldn’t eat before.” She did it, no reaction. She’s healed. Didn’t take my hands. It just took faith. What was faith? She just acted on the Word of God that was preached. That’s all it was. That’s the key.

It is important that you understand that there is no feeling associated with the anointing. If there were it would be in the Bible. It would tell you, “When you are anointed you will feel this.” But it doesn’t do that. Now you may be saying, “Is there never a feeling when you’re anointed?” I’m not saying that because your body will react

differently. Different people's bodies react to the power of the Holy Spirit. But what you are feeling is the affect in your flesh of God doing something in your spirit. That is not the anointing. That feeling is not the anointing. OK?

How many of you have ever heard about the Sudafed Anointing? When I was in an Assembly of God Church back home I was teaching a Bible Class on Thursday nights. We were teaching the 16 Fundamentals Beliefs, the basic doctrines. I had gotten through a couple of them but my throat kept going dry. So I tried to drink water all kind of stuff but it just didn't help. After about 45 minutes my throat would just go dry and I would always cough and clear my throat. I'm sure it got annoying. It did to me and I'm sure it did to the people that was listening to me. This brother came up to me afterwards one night and said, "You know it sounds like you have an allergy." I said that I was 40 years old and I've never had an allergy and I never will. "Well, whether you do or not, if you will go take some Sudafed it will clear your throat up and you can preach longer. It won't mess up your throat."

I thought, "Hey. If it will let me preach longer I'll take Sudafed. I've got no problem with that." I generally don't take medicines. But I didn't see it as medicine. It was like drinking water or anything else to help me preach longer. So I didn't see anything wrong with it.

So next Thursday night I take this Sudafed just before I preached. You know I have never taken Sudafed, I don't know anything about it. Nobody tells me anything about it. My system was fairly clean because I don't take a lot of different medicines and stuff. About 45 minutes into it and I was teaching that night on Section 3 which was the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Well 45 minutes into it when I was telling the people about the power of the Holy Ghost to come on you and give you power to be a witness, all of a sudden, He's here. I felt it. My fingers started tingling. I couldn't feel my legs from my knees down. I got kind of cold and clammy. I'm thinking, "Glory to God. It's the Anointing."

So I stopped the meeting. "Ok everybody stop. Everybody get on that side of the room. Everybody that wants to get the Holy Ghost and you're not filled with the Spirit get on that side of the room." They turned on "Yes Lord we will ride." You know that Pensacola song? Put it on loud in the back ground. Turned some lights down a little bit. And I mean we had a crowd kind of to one side of the room. I'm going through there and I'm grabbing them. "Receive!" People are falling, flopping around on the floor. I mean it was amazing. I'm going through there like, "Glory To God."

So the next Sunday the Pastor's reading off the report from the Thursday night class. We had 16 healed. One lady wrote a testimony that she had a devil cast out of her. Had over a dozen that were filled with the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. You know from a Bible Study Class. That's not normal.

This Pastor of the church was reading all this stuff and I was talking to him later. He asked, "Brother Curry, what's going on in there? People are joining the church just so they can go to the Thursday night Bible Study." He was reading all this stuff off. He said, "It looks like great things are happening."

Well the next Thursday night of course it doubled in size because now the actual church members want to come in and see what's going on there too.

So I get up there ready to preach and I'm thinking, "A bigger crowd. I don't want my throat to go out. I better take that Sudafed." I still have no clue. Take the Sudafed. About 45 minutes into again. He's back! Let's go. Let's do it. We know it. You all know the drill." Awesome.

This went on for about 3 weeks. Finally this brother, the same brother that told me about the Sudafed, comes up and said, "I just wonder if that was having any effect on you. Because some people can't take Sudafed." "Now why. Why would that be?" "Well, some people it makes them nervous. Some people it makes them tingle. Can't feel their legs." I'm standing here thinking, "I'm vowing to God nobody will ever know."

Then the Lord started showing me out of that. He said, "Look, you were looking for a feeling. And you were waiting for something. And whenever a feeling came cause be a totally outside source that you had no idea where it came from, you took that to be the Anointing. But look at the results. You believed it was the Anointing. You stepped out.

You started ministering to people. People got healed, delivered. Demons came out of people.”

You would think that one of those demons would've said, “No, no it's the Sudafed. It's Sudafed.” If I was a devil I would have done that. I would have argued or something.

Then I started realizing what was going on.

I got a hold of some David Hogan video tapes. I sat there in my living room watching these videos just crying. I was sitting there saying, “That's the way it's supposed to be.” The stuff he's talking about, that's Bible. That's what I want. And I just sat there and cried to God, “I've got to have that. If I can't have that what else is there?”

Then I got a hold of a video by a guy by the name of Tim Storey. I started watching Tim Storey. He was going along and boy he was grabbing people up saying, “Watch this. Look in my eyes. I'm not wondering.” Things like that. Telling people that you don't have any choice in this. That's one of my favorite sayings. “You don't have any choice.” And you don't. I found out you don't have any choice. If you came up for something you're getting what you get. You have no choice from there on.

The same time I was sitting there watching Tim Storey saying, “I've got to have that.” Crying the whole bit. Then the Lord was showing me that for me I wanted the commitment, the determination, the strength that David Hogan was showing. But I knew that the gospel should be, the Spirit of God should be able to be ministered with the ease that Tim Storey does it. I mean just flowing. Wasn't hard. You don't work it up. You don't have to struggle.

I remember praying for people before and you'd be praying for them. You know you get that strain, take it. And that's the way you feel sometimes like you're straining. And when you do that it doesn't work because it's you. And you start realizing, “Man that ought to be easy.”

Then that day came. I went to the hospital to pray for this lady. Out of obedience, OK? Just because I knew that I was supposed to go. Didn't feel anointed. Hadn't seen anything other than what was going on in our living room. Which was pretty neat. But I went to this lady in the hospital and while I was gone I got a call from a church about 80 miles away in a little town in north Texas. There was a Pentecostal Church of God there that had called me. We'd met them sometime before. About 2 or 3 months before I had met this Pastor. And usually if you don't get a call within a week or so they've done forgot about you. So I surely wasn't expecting anything.

Well, while I was gone this Pastor called and said, “Brother Curry could you come out and minister next Sunday?” If I had not been obedient and gone to the hospital that call would not have come. I believe that with all my heart. But I called him and set up the appointment.

That whole week, “OK God. What do you want me to do out there?” Cause I had ministered a lot before but I knew that I wasn't ministering the way God wanted me to. And I had been watching David Hogan and Tim Storey and putting those together and thinking, “God, I don't know what to do but I want to minister like that.” And He just showed me and said, “Go ahead.” He reminded me of something that Dr. Lake had said. “It is a law of the human mind that **I can act myself into believing faster than I can believe myself into acting.**” If you can believe yourself into acting you'd all be doing it. So that doesn't work. I'm just saying that doesn't work. Don't wait for something to happen. It isn't going to happen. I can tell you that right now.

So I decided these people don't know me at this church. They've never heard me minister. They don't know anything about me. I can go out there and be any way I want to be and they don't know that I'm not being the way that I have been. It wasn't like ministering to people that knew you. Because you go out there and act different and they'd go, “Who are you trying to be?” But these people didn't know. So I go out there and we go through about an hour of preliminaries as far as singing, worship, different things like that, the kids getting a chance to speak. It was drawn out sometime. Finally they brought me up. Man I got up there and I had the time of my life. I mean it was so much fun. I got up there and I just acted like the man of God that I knew God wanted me to be.

When I got up there the first thing I did tell them was, “Who in here is not born again? Let me see your hands. Raise them up, quick.” Well you don’t usually ask that at the beginning of the service. You do that at the end of the service. I said, “I’m not asking you to come down forward. I’m not going to trick you into anything. I just want to know if you’re not born again. If you’re not, you know it and probably the people next to you know it. So raise your hands.”

I had two brave souls raise their hands. I said, “Thank you. I appreciate you raising your hands. Now I’m fixing to preach the gospel and demonstrate the gospel. When I get done if I have not demonstrated the gospel sufficiently to convince you that God is real and true and alive, then totally ignore everything that I’d said. Go back to living whatever way you’re living and totally forget accepting the gospel because obviously there is nothing to it.”

So I went ahead and preached. One of the things I remember telling them was, “You know I have to set my own faith to raise myself from the dead. Because if I was to step outside this church and get hit by a car out here in the street and die, all of you would jump out there and gather around me and look at me and say, “Well, I guess it was his time to go.” None of you would jump out there and grab a hold of me and raise me up. I said, “I have to set my own faith to raise myself from the dead.” It got quiet. They were looking at me like, “Pastor, you have let a crazy man in your pulpit.”

I figured I’m already wild now as well as they’re concerned. So I just started preaching. I preached hard. I basically told them, “If you are not laying your hands on the sick you are going to hell.” That’s pretty much the way it came out of my mouth. I might not have said those exact words, but again I might have. I’m not real sure.

When I got done I said, “Now here’s the part, I preached the gospel now we are going to demonstrate it. Everybody in here that is sick you come forward. If you leave here sick it is your own fault. I’m giving you a chance right now you come forward.”

We had 34 people come forward. All kinds of different things. We started at one end and the first man I walked up to his arm was stiff. Paralyzed, he couldn’t move it. Now this is my first healing line like that. You know I’m telling you I’m just like you are. So I walked up to him and I said, “What can I do for you?” He said, “My arm’s paralyzed. I can’t move it.” I wanted to say, “Thank you. What can I do for you?” as I turned to the next one. That’s what I wanted to do, OK? I thought, “Great a paralyzed arm right off the bat. Why couldn’t it been head ache, back ache.” Something else. I thought, “Well it’s either win or lose right now.” If I go to the next person, I might as well not go to the next person because I have already lost. So I said, “OK. Well let’s get it free.” I grabbed the man’s arm. I started commanding healing. I said, “Arm I command you to be made whole. I command you to be set free. I command life in Jesus’ name to come into your arm. I command it to become loose now.”

I grabbed hold of his arm, and before he knew what grabbed him, I started jerking that arm back and forth. And when I started moving it you could feel it gritty. You know that feeling that I’m talking about? It wasn’t that way once. It was that way a whole bunch of times. Then I started moving it. Then I said, “Now I’m going to turn it loose and when I do you keep moving it.” I turned loose and he started getting wild. He said the pain is gone. When he did that the people down the row started getting healed. Why because their faith raised up. Now all of a sudden I’m like – yeah! I just went down the line, “What do you need?” All 34 instantly healed.

So I turned around and said, “Who needs to be filled with the Spirit? If you want to be Baptized in the Spirit. If you want to have the power that you’ve just seen because that is what the Baptism is for.” Hands went up. There were 11 people that came forward. Went down the line. Every one of them started speaking in tongues. Well, all but the last one. When I got to the last one it was a lady. Laid hands on her and nothing happened. It had happened all before, now something is not happening. I said, “What’s the deal?” “Well what’s wrong with you? Why aren’t you doing this? Why isn’t this working?” “Well all I know is that every time that I try to leave town I get scared. I get to the edge of town and I have to turn around and come back.” “OK, you’ve got a devil. That’s not a problem. We can deal with that.” So I cast this thing out of her. It was fear. I said, “Now tomorrow morning you are going to get up. When you do you are going to call the Pastor,” I was

speaking for him. I wasn't even asking him, "He's going to come over. Not in the same car as you. But he's going to follow you. You're going to drive out of town. And you're going to go past those city limits signs. If you stop going through them, he's going to push your car on through with his car. You're going to go out of town because you have got to break that. Until you go past that city limits sign you've not broken this thing. You have to break it. You have to do exactly what the devil tells you not to."

Here's something that you probably need to write down. **Fear is an anointing to obey the devil. Just like faith is an anointing to obey God. Fear is an anointing to carry out the will of the devil.** That's what it does. Whenever you have fear come on you not to do something if you obey that then you are obeying the enemy and you are allowing him to control you. To dictate to you. Now if you break that, if the enemy tells you not to do something and you do it then you have broken that thing. You don't always have to say, "Now devil you come out," to get a devil out of somebody.

See if you would obey God half as well as you obey the enemy you wouldn't have to worry about devils. You'd be too busy doing the "Do's" so that you wouldn't have time to do "Don't's". That's why you get into sin. You get bored. Boredom kills Christians. You get bored. I guarantee you, if you would do what I'm doing, you can't get bored. There is no boredom in what I'm doing.

Does the term "Back Slide" mean anything to you? You know Peter said, "I go a fishing." Well I had gone I guess "a hamburger turning." I was a manager of a fast food restaurant at one point. I enjoy the service industry like that. I enjoy doing that. I enjoy dealing with people. I had quit preaching. I prayed for a man and he died, and I quit preaching. I said, "God I can't preach this if people that I pray for are going to die." Number one, it makes your healing lines really short. Nobody wants to get in your healing lines. So I went back to fast food management.

I taught martial arts when I was younger. I had a chance to go back into a business. One of my students was fixing to spend about \$50,000 on a new school. He wanted me to run it. I was set to do it. I had no reason not to. I was walking to work one day and I said, "Now God, I got to know what you want me to do. I'm fixing to sign this contract with this man. He is sinking \$50,000 of his life earnings in here. Now once I sign this contract it's for 5 years. I'm unavailable to You for 5 years. If you want me to do something You better tell me know. Once I sign this contract I'm not backing out on it. That's as far as it goes. That's it."

I was just walking down the street and I said, "What do You want me to do?" Right then the Spirit of God spoke up to me more clearer than any time before. He said, "It's not what I want you to do it's what I want you to be." Then I'm thinking what do You want me to be. Then He said, "I want you to be my son. I want you to be happy." Then He asked me a question. "When you're my son, what makes you happy?"

I said, "Healing the sick. Raising the dead. Casting out devils. Preaching the gospel. That's it obviously." He said, "Now you know what I want you to do."

He went full circle with me.

Well, I finished walking to work but when I walked in there I said, "You've got two choices. I'm quitting. I can either quit today or I can quit in two weeks. It's up to you." Well as management they don't like you to stay there two weeks afterwards. So they said I could go back home.

I went back home. Started spending time, turned on some worship music every morning, praying in tongues out loud – loud, hard and fast like I told you the other day – getting very serious. Praying, worshipping, spending time with God. Go for a walk around this little track area where people go jogging and I'd go praying. That was really when everything started.

Finishing up with that story for the main reason I brought this up is that when I finished up with those 11 people or actually with that woman when we cast that devil out of her and then laid hands on her again - Instantly delivered and instantly started speaking in tongues. She still had to go outside of the city the next day though to keep it.

After I finished with that then I said, “Now we’re going to do salvation.” You don’t do a salvation call before they have had a chance to see God work. You do it afterwards. So I said, “Now if I have shown you the truth of the gospel and demonstrated it, now you have to make a decision. So if you want to receive Christ now. If I have proven to you that God is alive and He’s real you come down front. If you want give your heart to Christ.” Four people came up. Not two but four came up. When they came up I said, “I don’t know if you were hiding from me and I didn’t know it or if I convinced you in my preaching that you weren’t born again. I’m not sure which it was.” But either way we got a hundred percent increase on the original people that claimed to be not born again.

They came down and got born again. I’m kind of funny when people get born again. I’ll tell them if you can’t do this openly in front of people that are for you, you sure aren’t going to live in front of people that are against you. So if you haven’t got the guts to walk down here in front of everybody then just stay right where you’re at. They came down in front and I turn them around. We pray for them. I say, “OK. Who in here is going to pray for this person here?” And I’ll get a hand. “See that person there? You go to that person and you exchange phone numbers, names and you all get together.” Instant discipleship. New Testament Christianity. Give them somebody to be accountable to and give that Christian somebody to disciple. That’s what you’re supposed to be doing anyway. That way they will have mutual accountability.

After I quit preaching, we took a while in the prayer line and at one point they turned the lights out on us because it took a little while. Then the Pastor came to me and said, “You know brother if I was doing like what you’re talking about I’d actually have to go to work.” I looked at him and said, “You know what? You need to find another job.” I’m pretty straight forward. The Bible says that not many to be called masters, or teachers, because you’re going to reap the greater judgment. You’re going to bring greater judgment because you claim to see. But if you don’t see then you’re going to be held accountable for it. **So it’s real important if your going to claim any kind of position that you walk in that position.** That you fulfill it.

I’m not talking about doing what people say that job does. Our job description for offices in the church today are really messed up. You really need to really search out what the Bible says about certain positions and what they’re supposed to be and do and follow those.

I had you in where, Judges 13?

You can get ready to go to I Samuel.

Judges 13:24

“And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.”

Now notice that. “The Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times.” Now go to I Samuel 16:13

“Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.”

Notice what it says. The Spirit of the Lord came on Samson and began to move him when? “At times,” right? But it says that the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

Now we have church services where great things happen. Bam, bam, bam. Different things, miracles, healings whatever takes place and it’s awesome. Right? When that happens we sing songs about Lord pour out more of Your Spirit on us. Do this, do that kind of thing. It says that in the last days I’ll pour out my Spirit on all flesh. The last days started at the day of Pentecost. Isn’t that what Peter taught? “This is that” quoting Joel. That was the beginning poured out. Revival is not a cloud that moves into a city. **Revival is not poured out. It is prayed out.**

When the Spirit of the Lord began to move Samson at times. You notice that’s the way the church is today. At times the Spirit of the Lord moves us. At times it begins to move when

we do things and we get all excited. We think, "Glory". We're like Samson and we rip the gates of the city off and carry it off on to the hill and great time in church. "Man you should have been there last night." When the Spirit of the Lord began to move at times it was awesome.

But that is not the anointing that we are to operate under. You have to remember that Samson didn't have the character to carry the anointing. You think the anointing will give you the ability to make right decisions. It doesn't work that way. **Right decisions gives you the ability to carry the anointing. The anointing is encased in character.** If what you're going to do around or behind the pulpit, if you're not living this way in your home, it will crush you. You will become a laughing stock.

Samson, the Spirit began to move him. At time he did great things then he went and whored around with the world. And he kept looking over there and saying, "I like that. I want that one." His parents would say, "No, don't do that. Stay over here. Stay with your own kind. Samson those Philistine women cause problems. They've got false gods. You don't want to get hooked up in that. You want to stay here and stay pure. Stay with God and stay with your anointing. Make the right decision. Stay with the people of God."

Samson said, "My flesh wants that flesh. My soul feels good whenever she tells me how pretty my hair is."

"Well Samson that's because she's after your hair. She wants it. Stay away from her."

"No that's what I want."

He would go over there and time after time after time. You play with the world you'll get blinded to the things that the world tries to pull on you. How many times did Delilah prove what was in her heart? And he would jump up and rip everything off and kill a bunch of Philistines and go his way. But then one day he revealed all of his heart. She got down to the core things. She finally got to him and told him what was going on. Samson tells her what to do and she does it.

Not notice what it says here, Judges 16:20

"Samson wist (knew) not that the Spirit had departed him."

Read that verse. He got up and he thought it will be just like it always is. Delilah told him that the Philistines are upon him. Samson got up and said, "Woman, it will be like it always is. I'll get up and I'll shake myself and the anointing will be there."

But it says in that verse that Samson didn't know that Spirit of the Lord had departed him.

Now get this Samson was under the most tremendous anointing of the Old Testament Judges. He did some pretty amazing things. Right? But the Spirit was gone and he didn't notice that the Spirit was gone. He got up and shook himself and nothing happened. He had to go forward because if he had done this and nothing happened he would have said, "Oh, oh. The Spirit's not with me." But he shook himself and went right on out and was captured cause he didn't know that the Spirit wasn't with him. He didn't know that the Spirit had departed him.

What does that mean? There is no feeling associated with the anointing. If there would have been a feeling he would have shook himself and would have said, "I don't feel it. What's going on?" But he didn't. There is no feeling associated with the anointing. Samson didn't feel a thing. Samson acted in faith. Only in the Old Testament the word Faith isn't used. You know what is used in the Old Testament for Faith? Courage. In the Old Testament it kept saying, "Fear not. Be of good courage." Have courage to step out. Trust Me. Have courage. Strengthen yourself, gird yourselves up and step out. Have courage. In the New Testament we call it having Faith. Because Faith takes Courage. That's what it is. You have the courage to believe the Word of God and step out on it.

Now the church is acting under a Samson anointing. We want the Spirit to move us at times. Yet we still want to go out and whore around with the world in the mean time. We want the anointing when we want it but we want to turn it off when we don't. It doesn't work that way.

I go to Wal-mart and I walk through the door and sometimes I start crying. Sid Roth made a statement one time when this man cries people get healed. It's really not like that but the crying that's just the Spirit of God. There's no feeling associated with it. I walk through Wal-mart crying and wiping my eyes and people would be looking at me and looking at her thinking what is she doing to him. We go through there and turn a corner and when I see them I know this is the person. That's why I'm crying. I'm not talking about them necessarily sick where you can see something.

One time there was this lady about 20 and had a little girl in the buggy. To show you that I am so much like you. I saw this lady and told my wife, "That's who I'm supposed to talk to." My wife said, "Go do it." So I walk over there. What am I supposed to do? Go over there and say, "Thus Saith The Lord," and hope He speaks up. So I'm telling God that I'll tell her whatever You want to tell her. Just tell me what You want to tell her. He said, "Go to her and I'll tell you what I want to tell her." I said, "No, You didn't hear me right. I said, 'Tell me,' and then I'll go tell her." The God said, "No, because then you'll have your humanity mixed up in it and it'll be wrong."

That's why He waits. See you think He waits because He's trying to test you or something. He's not. He's trying to purify you. He's trying to make sure that you're going to help that person instead of mess them up.

Finally I get all of this courage bolstered up and I follow her around the store. I know she saw me. She's probably thinking, "He's security or a pervert." One of the two. So I'm following her around the store and my wife sees me and says, "What are you doing?"

So I go back to my wife and I look back and she's gone. Now there's nothing worse than being Charismatic, Pentecostal, Spirit filled, whatever and thinking, "Now you've missed God."

So I go all over Wal-Mart looking for her and I can't find her anywhere. I'm up and down every aisle she's not there. So time to check out. We go out the checkout line. I'm telling God I'm sorry and repenting. "If you'll just bring her by my path again I promise you I'll go up to her and talk to her."

While I'm saying that my wife is poking me. She's coming up into our checkout lane. I'm thinking, "Did I say the next time You bring her." So I turn around and walk up to her and by now I'm still blubbering. I'm crying hard. There's no feeling involved but there's tears. I walk up to her and I say, "Excuse me. This may sound crazy. My name is Curry Blake. We've never met. I know you don't know me. I don't know you but God told me to come and talk to you." Well by now I've got her attention because she is either thinking who is this strange man. Get away from my child.

I said, "I don't know what to tell you but I just know that God told me to come talk to you." All of a sudden I just started saying things. Things started coming out of my mouth. "I don't know anything about you but God want you to know that what you are going through right now when you come out of it you're going to be much stronger. This situation you didn't bring it upon yourself but what's going on you didn't want it He's with you. He knows where you're at. He says all you need is more of this." I put my hand on the little girl in the buggy. I'm thinking the last thing some people want to hear is they need more kids. It made no sense to me. I said, "All you need is more of this." Then I said, "I guess this is your daughter." She looks at me and says, "Yes. Her name is Faith."

Now it's kind of like being back in that town in north Texas. Now you're thinking of all these things I can tell her but God is saying, "No, I didn't say that."

What did come out was, "Well God wants you know that He knows where you're at. And that of all the people in this Wal-Mart He picked you out for me to come to talk to. Because He wanted you to know that He knows you. And now one thing you can't say is that God doesn't know you. Because He picked you out of here. You know I didn't know you. You just know that God is real."

Well by now she's crying like I'm crying. And this other friend of hers walks up. She's looking at us and she's wondering why I've got her friend crying. And I said, "I don't know what else to tell you but."

Then she said, "Well I try to go to church."

"God just wants you to get close to Him."

"Well, I try to go to church."

"You haven't heard me mention church."

She said, "Yes, but I've been around some of the churches right here."

I said, "So have I. Some of them God has been trying to get into for years. And they won't let Him in there. There are some good ones obviously. The main thing is to just pray and seek God. Get on your face before God in your living room or in your home and He will meet you there. And then whatever church He wants to get you to go to He'll show you. The main thing is get a hold of Him first. Then He will take you to the right church."

So we part and go ways. God has done that many, many times. Now when I start crying I start looking around. Who am I supposed to touch or who am I supposed to talk to.

This one person came by and their one leg was shorter than the other. I was sitting there and started crying. Half the time I don't finish my food any more in restaurants.

The anointing doesn't go. That's the whole point of this whole thing. **The anointing is always available.**

The Spirit of the Lord started to move Samson at times. Right? But the Bible says that the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. We are to be operating not as Samson who had his eyes put out. Even though he did great wondrous things he had his eyes put out. And he went through years of bondage while his hair grew back. Because, the Spirit of the Lord moved him at times. He didn't walk in it. He didn't walk in the character that would have allowed him to walk in it.

See if you want anointing you have to get character. You have to get some commitment, some responsibility. You take responsibility. What happens then the church should be moving into the anointing that David walked in. Which was on him from that day forward.

You say, "Well that's not us."

Yes it is. I John 2:20

"You have received an anointing that abides."

Not an anointing that comes and goes.

Didn't Jesus say, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Is He the anointed one? Is He in you? Then you are anointed.

For you not to be anointed He would not have to be anointed. Right? If you ate some type of radiation and it went into your body then you would have radiation in your body. You would be radiated. For you not to be radioactive any more that thing in you would have to cease to be radioactive. But as long as the radioactivity is in you are radioactive.

The church is radioactive. The anointing abides within you. It is available for you to act.

You say, "Well, I'm waiting for a word from God."

Well, I've got 66 books with words from God in it for you. I'll give you one right up. James 1:22.

"Be ye therefore doers of the Word. Not hearers only. Thereby deceiving in your own selves."

People say, "I'm waiting for a *Rhema* word."

This is a *Rhema* Word. Take the “*Logos*” –James 1:22 – and act on it. “Be ye doers of the *Logos*.” When you are doers of the *Logos* the *Logos* becomes *Rhema*.

See you’re waiting for God to speak something from heaven that’s going to filter down to you and change your life. God is not going to do that. He has already spoken.

I would love to be able to just totally forget everything and just stay and me not do all of the talking. Some questions and answers. Real fellowship. Asking questions and if one of you has a psalm and another a teaching. See that’s church. That’s the body. That’s what it’s supposed to be. But you know we’re too much like the Greeks who seek after wisdom, which is usually earthly wisdom. Instead of like the Hebrews that teaches by “apprenticeship” method.

See the Greeks they gather everybody up in a room. Teach them everything they know. Give them a little piece of paper that says, “Now go out and do it.” Then they get out there and they say, “What are you going to do?” They don’t know. You’re supposed to know everything. Don’t you know what to do? “He didn’t show me what to do. He just told me to go and do it.”

The Hebrews, like Jesus was taught as a carpenter, he watched his dad. He watched his dad with an awl and with tools that they had. Then finally one day his dad said, “I think you can do this son. Here watch this. Put your hand on this.” Then he took his own hand and put it on Jesus’ hands. Then he said, “See how hard I’m pushing down to get that engraving in there? That’s how hard you have to do it.” Because he could just say push down hard. How hard is hard? But he has to show it. “This is hard. This is light.” It was his father’s hands on his hand.

That’s where we mess up. We want to gather up, learn everything, go out and do nothing. Have normal lives 9 to 5 instead of doing it the Hebrew method and getting together and saying,

“OK. Let’s go. Now I’m going to lay hands on this person. Now watch I don’t touch them. When I touch them, watch, I’m going to release. When I do they are going to get it. And soon as I know they’ve got it, you watch me. I just don’t go ‘be healed. OK, that’s good.’

No. It is just like electricity. I put my hands on them and I say, “Release.” When I know I’ve released it. Boom, my hands are off. Why? It’ll come right back into you. So get your hands off of them. Don’t you be touching them. If you’re touching behind them it’ll go into you. And they may need all that I have to give them and you take some of it they may not get healed. And you’re walking around, “Oh, this is good.” This other person up here still has this sickness. Because the anointing goes into this other person.

You say that is too mechanical. Sorry. Talk to God about it. It’s His anointing.

Hebrews 1:1

“God who at sundry times and at diverse manners spoke in times past unto the fathers by the Prophets.”

How did He speak in times past? By the Prophets.

“Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.”

OK, You’re waiting for a word. A word has already been given. He spoke to us in these last days by His Son. He has spoken. You read the New Testament, you read the four gospels, the book of Acts, you read that, that’s Jesus speaking to you.

You say, “Well what about the Epistles. Those are good to fill in the gaps. But if you read something in the Epistles that you think disagrees with Jesus said go with what Jesus said. Then, as you learn you’ll find out that it didn’t really contradict. You just didn’t understand it. Jesus’ words are the final authority. They are the Supreme Court of the Universe. They are the final answer. They are the last thing, that’s it.

If you will take that word and do it, it will work for you. That’s what you did when you got

saved. Somebody told you about John 3:16, or something of the equivalent, and you decided to believe it because faith is a decision. You think that Faith is some special thing. Some wispy thing that floated down to you and poof, "There it is." That's not faith. Faith is a decision to obey the Word of God. That's all it is. To decide that God is true and that He keeps His word.

Go to Acts 1:4

"And being assembled together with them commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father. Which saith He you've heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they were therefore come together they asked of Him, 'Lord wilt Thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel.' And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own power.'"

OK. Let's read that again. Because some of you think that it is to you to know the times and the seasons. I know the Bible says that you won't be ignorant and you will know the season but you won't know the day. I know that. But here he says, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has put in His own power." I'm not saying, "Don't study Prophecy. I'm not saying that at all." If you know me you know I don't give a flip about Prophecy. I've got a job to do and I'm doing it. I'm not really too concerned with the future and I'm not real concerned with the past. I try to work with how God deals us in the present. My job is to get you ready for the future. Whatever the future holds.

People ask if I'm "pre", "mid", or "post." I'm pan. I think it will all pan out in the end. I don't really worry about it much. All I know is I'm going to be ready first load, second load, third. I don't care. I'm just going to be ready. So that's where I'm at.

He's says, verse 8:

"But you shall receive power,"

That word power is the Greek word *dunamus* and it means "ability".

"After that the Holy Ghost has come upon you. And you shall be witnesses unto Me."

And you know the rest. "You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." How many of you have receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? So when did you receive it? Was it before today? Nobody got it today? Right? It was all before? So you would say that this is after the Holy Ghost has come upon you? Right? Then you have power. Isn't that what He said? "You will receive power after that the Holy Ghost comes upon you."

So if you received the Holy Ghost any time before today, this is after. So this is when you have power. Amen? Not waiting. Doesn't say "wait". It says, "You'll receive power after that the Holy Ghost comes upon you." So you got it.

Now notice, go to I Samuel 10:

Notice what that said, "You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost shall come upon you." Remember what it says in Acts 10:38? How God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power and He went about doing good and healing that were oppressed of the devil." Why? "Cause God was with Him."

Is God with you? Then you ought to be going about healing that are oppressed of the devil. It is that simple.

You say, "Well I haven't received a commission."

Matthew 7:12

"Whatsoever you would that men should do unto you do ye even so unto them."

That is your commission. You don't need hands laid on you. You don't need a word. You

don't need a prophecy. You don't need 3 confirmations, a word, a phone call from the President or anything else. All you need is to go and do. That's all you need. You say, "Well it can't be that simple."

No it can be that simple. That's why you have over looked it. The Bible is easy but we've read so much into it and made it so hard.

Now in you head keep those two verses. Acts 10:38 and Acts 1:8. Keep those in your head while we read this.

Now notice what he said in I Samuel 10:1

"Then Samuel took a vial of oil poured it upon his head and kissed him and said, "Is it not because the Lord has anointed thee to be captain over His inheritance."

He's talking about Saul.

"When you are departed from me today then you will find two men by Rachel's tomb in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah and they shall say unto thee, 'The asses which thou went to seek are found. And lo thy father hath left the care of the asses and sorrows for you saying, 'What shall I do for my son?'"

So you see this story so far. Samuel has anointed Saul. And He's saying, "Now as you go here's what is going to happen. You're going to come across these guys. They're going to have this and they're going to do this for you." He's prophesying all this stuff. He's a prophet. That's what he does. OK? Did you catch that? He's a prophet therefore he prophesies. So what you do is what you are.

I have people everywhere I go, "What am I? Can you tell me what I am?" And I think, "Well if it is based upon what I see. You're nothing." You don't want me to tell you that. You're wanting a, "Oh I see a great ministry. You're an apostle, you're a prophet." Let me follow you around for a couple of days. I can tell you real quick what you are. Because what you are is what do.

I was in the back of truck one time. I was riding in the back and I was praying this really, really, really good prayer. You know the kind that you wish other people were around to hear. You know? When you turn God into a three syllable word you know you are in religion. When you start going G-a-w-d. You know that you've gone wrong. I started praying. I said, "God, when will I ever live what I believe?"

I thought, "Man that really sounds pretty good." Some of those prayers you think God goes, "Hey, angels. Quiet listen to this guy pray. Listen"

As soon as that came out of my mouth all of a sudden God said, "You are living what you believe. You just don't believe what you think you do."

Well you know now I'm thinking, "Is there anybody else up there that I can talk too?" Cause this is not what I wanted to hear. I wanted to hear, "Oh you poor boy. You're trying so hard." But that isn't what He said because He revealed my own heart. I was hearer and not a doer.

You see. What you do is what you believe. What you do is what you are. What you believe is what you are. That's what make you what you are is what you believe. By your choices.

If you get a hold of this I tell you it will change your life.

"What shall I do for my son. Then shall thou go on forward from there and you will come to the plain of Tabor and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel. One carrying three kids and another carrying three loaves of bread and another carrying a bottle of wine. And they shall salute thee and give thee two loaves of bread which thou shalt receive at their hands."

Now this is pretty specific prophecy. This isn't the, "Lo my little child. God loves you and

wants to give you flowers and ribbons. Be good,” then you start singing Jesus Loves Me. It wasn't like this. This is specific. “You're going to see these three guys. They're going to carrying this.

“After that thou shalt come to the hill of God where is the garrison of the Philistines. And it shall come to pass when thou art come hither to the city that you will meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a saltry and a tabbre and a pipe and a harp before them. And they shall prophesy.”

Now this whole company of prophets are going to start prophesying. Notice what it says:

“And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee and thou shalt prophesy with them and shall be turned into another man.”

Now we're going to stop right there for a second. “The Spirit of the Lord is going to come upon you. You're going to prophesy with them.” Now what is that. That's called transference of spirits. It happens in the positive. You get around Godly people you get Godly. You get around ungodly people, you spend too much time with them and you're not there as a witness and standing strong, you will get ungodly. It will ware off on you faster.

But you get around the anointing. People say, “Well the anointing is caught not taught.” Nope it's caught and taught. Because you can catch it but you still have to learn how to use it and how to walk in it. That's our problem. We're still babies in the church when it comes to the anointing of God. That's why I catch flack everywhere I go. Because people make it sound like, “Well this is just too mechanical. You're just acting like you can just turn it on and off.” No you say you can turn it on and off. I'm telling you it is always on. I'm telling you how to walk in it. Because you can walk in it anywhere, anytime.

The only thing that limits the anointing is your time. The time you give to God. You want to go to Wal-mart and heal the sick? You can do it. But if you're in a hurry, you've got to run in for a loaf of bread, I guarantee you will see more sick people on the way to the bread aisle than you would ever see when you go in there looking for the sick. Especially when you have to time.

Notice what it says. When that happens you will be turned into another man. Now this sounds like II Corinthians 5:17. Doesn't it? “Any man that is in Christ.” What? “Is a new creation.” You'll be turned into a new man.

Notice what he says. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee. You'll prophesy with them. Now notice this. “And let it be when these signs are come unto thee that thou do as occasion serve thee for God is with thee.”

Now what is that saying? That says when the Spirit of God comes upon you, Saul, then you do whatever occasion serves you. Do whatever you choose to do. Whatever suits you. Whatever you put your hands to, whatever you decide to do in the situation, do it because God is with you.

Is God with you? Have you got the Spirit of God? Do you fulfill that scripture right there? Yes, you do. But we're waiting for the Spirit to lead us.

And you say, “Well that's what the Spirit is supposed to do.”

Well, He is to lead and guide you into all truth. But is He supposed to do everything for you? No. Whenever you receive the Spirit of God the Spirit of God comes upon you.

Do you remember what the Greek name for the Holy Spirit is? *Paracletes*. It means one who is called along side to help.

Now if I'm an electrician and I'm trying to do a job and I have an electrician's helper with me. What does that mean? Is he going to do the work? No, I'm going to do the work. But whenever I need something I should be able to say, I should be able to hold up my hand, and if he's a good helper, he will put in my hand the tool that I need to get the job done. Right? A good helper. The Holy Spirit is a good helper. He is one who is called along side to help. He is not one called to do everything for you and we're just supposed to sit and bask in the glory cloud.

We're not supposed to just float along and wait for the Holy Spirit to decide to do something. He's waiting on you. You aren't waiting on Him. You have fooled yourself.

The Holy Spirit is your helper. He helps you do the work. Your waiting for Him to do it and you're trying to help Him do the work. You can't help Him do the work. He helps you do it. You step out. You put your hand out. When you do that, He puts in your hand the tools you need. Gift of Healing, Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, whatever it is, it's there.

You say, "Well how do I know He'll be there?"

Because, He's in you. Where else is He going to go? He's going to show up. If you have the Gift of the Holy Ghost then guess what? You also have the Gifts of the Holy Ghost because He's in you.

Now notice what it said about Saul. It will be this way, why? For God is with you. Sounds like Acts 10:38. "Went about doing good healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him." Emmanuel. Guess what? God is with you.

Now think about it. You have been turned into a new man or woman. You've been baptized.

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Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

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Let's pray. Father we bless Your Name. Lord, we thank You for Your presence, Lord. We thank You for the anointing that You placed within us, within each and every one of us. And Father now we just expect to hear Your voice through Your Word. We expect You to manifest Yourself, Father, because we know that's what You desire to do. That You desire to be among Your people in reality and not just in doctrine. So Father, in Jesus' name, have Your way. Do everything you want to do and show us how to get out of Your way so we can just totally yield to You, follow You, do what You say to do. In Jesus' Name we thank You for it. Amen.

Now if you have your Bibles you can turn first to Luke Chapter 9. You can hang out there for a minute while I read from II Corinthians. Now I'll be starting in II Corinthians Chapter 5 so hold you finger there then we're going to Luke 9. So that's why I'm telling you ahead of time so you know where we're going.

II Corinthians Chapter 5:14, I'll read this to you first.

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that he died for all, that which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but, unto Him which died for them, and rose again."

Major point right there. You want the power of God in your life. **Quit living for yourself, live for others.** Jesus said, "If you will lay down your low life." (That's what He said in the Greek, low life. He called you a low life, I didn't.) He said, "If you will lay down your low life I will give you the high life." But you see you can't have both.

I could not do what I'm doing today and still do what I was doing 5 years ago. To do one precludes having to not be able to do the other. Actually, I don't want to say it was a choice because it was an easy choice. But if you're going to touch others, be around others, minister to others, help others you're going to have to get off of your own life. Because your life...and I used to really hammer on the point that Jesus said, "Go into all the world."

And that is the truth, He talked about selling all and picking up and going. For years and years that was my main message. That was my main message – get rid of all the trappings, get of all the extras, get out the stuff, get out of the American mind set of more is better. Because more is not better and especially when it comes to materialism and things.

Now God wants to bless you, sure. But He doesn't want to bless you to the point where you have to carry all this stuff around with and you don't go anywhere because you have too much stuff. One of the things that I've learned is that **the more you gather up the less willing you are to move if God tells you to**. It's just that simple. We've seen it. The more settled, the more encased you are with things, the less likely you ever are to move, to go, to travel, to do anything. And it's not in just selling everything and getting rid of everything. That doesn't do it either. You have to get rid of everything, if you're going to get rid of everything, for the purpose of going out into the world and ministering the life of Jesus Christ. And that doesn't mean walk up and handing someone a flower and saying, "Jesus loves you." That's not it. The world has seen that kind of Christianity and it doesn't move them.

Right now cults are growing. Well they're exploding is a better word. And they are reaching into our churches and getting our kids. New Age, Witchcraft, Wicca all these things they're exploding. And you know the majority of the people going into them are teenagers from church. From the types of churches that do not have any of the power of God in them. But unfortunately there's a whole lot that are going into it from churches that claim the power of God whether you ever see there or not. And you cannot keep telling people about God and the power of God without demonstrating it. Because if you do you hardening their hearts. You are responsible for hardening their hearts. Because you keep preaching about this God who can do everything but never does anything. Well who wants to serve a God like that any way? You say, "Well we ought because it's right."

Well right but you do not touch a generation like that. Because they don't know it's right. As a matter of fact right now the biggest thing is that nothing is right. Doesn't matter. Your truth is not my truth; it's whatever happens, you can't tell me, no absolutes. Had a guy one time tell me...he argued and argued because I believe in absolutes. And because I believe in absolutes I've never touched alcohol. I've never smoked cigarettes. I've never done drugs because I believe in absolutes. I didn't want to break that barrier. Because once you break it it's easier to break it the second time. And this man was telling me, "There are no absolutes. Everything is circumstantial." He was going on. He was mad. You know you can tell when they get mad. They turn all red and strain. They want to grab you and hit you and they can't. And he was saying, "There are no absolutes."

And I said, "Are you sure?"

"Yes."

"Are you absolutely sure?"

"Yes."

"I thought there were not absolutes. So you can't be right either if that's absolute. You're proclaiming an absolute that there are no absolutes. See you don't even believe what you say." And I said, "The fact that you're saying that proves what I'm saying."

People do not reason correctly generally speaking. The whole point of this that he said that if Christ died for us then we should live for Him. Isn't that what Paul said? He said,

"The life that I now live I live to faith to the Son of God."

He said, "I don't live any more. Christ lives through me."

See we read that so religiously and we look at Paul and say, "Wow, Paul that's so pretty. The life that I now live I live to the faith of the Son of God. Yes. Amen. Me too."

No you don't. You may think you do. But for the most part you don't. Now you may be going to heaven when you die because of the faith of the Son of God. But the life you are living is it because of the faith of the Son of God? Is your life, does it exemplify that? When people say, "Faith. When I think of Faith I think of you." Because, if your life is to

exemplify that, then they should know that. Your name should come to mind when they think of Faith. And one of the things that I've noticed is that people are scared to step out because they don't know what's going to happen. Well if you don't know what is going to happen that's not faith. Faith knows from the beginning what's going to happen at the end.

That's why whenever we pray for people we'll tell them, "What ever happens in between...OK there's A – That's when I prayed for you – and there's C. That's when you are absolutely totally healed. The Glory of God is manifested."

Now what about B. Well B is where you have to be steady. Because B is when all hell breaks loose. OK, that's what happens. And a lot of people give up during B. They don't ever get to C.

See A is a mountaintop. B is a valley. And C is a mountaintop. And just like an Old Testament Prophet they can see from mountaintop to mountaintop. But they didn't always tell you what was in the valley. So I try to warn people a lot of times what can happen. And I've had people tell me, "Well you're just instigating fear. You're feeding fear." No, I'm trying to keep you from falling in the time of trial. And that time of trial is called "crises moment" in the Greek. And it means "judgment."

There's a time when you have to make a judgment as to whether or not you are going to believe the Word of God. And if you make that judgment to stand, then whenever that trial comes, you'll stand right on through it because C is coming. And if you will get a hold of that, that makes all of the difference in the world. That's why people get all upset when I don't get upset. When I don't get "all nervous" and "What am I going to do?" This person got . . . you name it . . . and I've learned no sickness, there is no difference. Sickness and disease it's all under the name of Jesus. All has to bow. There is no difference. There's no big devils and little devils. They are all the same in God's eyes.

We sing the song sometimes, "Nothing is too difficult for Thee." You know that song? That's true but we make it sound like there are some things that are difficult. There're just some things that are not too difficult. Well, there is nothing difficult for God. Nothing. The difficulty comes in us. See we are the fire hydrant that the water has to pour through to put out the fires of hell. And we can be a small fire hydrant. You know you can be the water faucet on the side of your house. Or you can be the fire hydrant on the corner. The city doesn't care which one you use to put out the fire. Well God doesn't care how much of His power you use. All He wants to do is make sure that you get the fires put out. Now He wants you to use as much as possible. He wants you to flood into your city. But it's up to you. He's not going to push you out there. God is not the devil.

See we are so used to following the devil and obeying the devil. We think He is going to lead us the same way the devil does. We think He's going to drive us. We think He's going to push us. That's not what He does. He leads. How does He lead? His divine influence of the Spirit upon your mind normally. You say, "Well, I thought it was out of my spirit." It is out of your spirit. But your mind is how you talk to your spirit and how your spirit talks to you. It goes back and forth. That's why it's important that you have scripture put in your mind so the Spirit can speak through your spirit into your mind and bring out those scriptures, like a file cabinet, and say, "This is what I'm telling you." And He brings those up, those scriptures that come up, that is the leading of the Spirit. That's how you are led. You go into Wal-Mart and there's this person. "Wow, sure would like to see them healed." Well guess who's talking? That's not you. That's God.

You say, "Well how do I know that it's not me?" Because you are a human. You don't care about people.

Human nature, you don't care about people. When you see someone that you want so see healed that is the Spirit of God rising up inside of you wanting to see them healed. He wants to see them healed more than you do.

You say, "Well I really want this and I'm not too sure He wants this more that I do."

Did you give your son to bleed and die for them? He's got an invested interest in people's healing. He's got an invested interest in their salvation. And lot of times you get them healed salvation comes easy. See we have it backwards. Get saved and we'll get you healed. No. Get them healed they will get saved.

That's just a fact. 80 – 85% of all conversions overseas are what they call power conversions or power evangelism. Some one sees or hears God doing something spectacular, in the sense healing or deliverance, and when that happens people get saved. 80 to 85%. Only here in America do we hesitate at that. Now deep down every one wants to see it and if everybody would be honest they would say that. But for the most part, “No, no, no. We don’t need to see anything.” People that say that or the one that always quote, “Well, more blessed are those that believe and don’t see.” Always no power. Almost without fail. OK, I can’t say “always” because you know that would be an absolute. Right? For the most part that’s what it comes back to. And the people that claim faith most of the time, faith is great. But faith produces. And if it’s not producing it’s not faith. It’s that simple.

I’ve seen people claim faith and go on years and years and nothing happens. And you say, “Well, yah but they’re believing.” Well, believing produces and believing is an action.

See sickness and disease, one of the reasons God doesn’t like sickness and disease is because it’s selfish. And when you get sick you get selfish. Now you don’t mean to but it’s hard to keep your mind on other people when you’re hurting. Because it always draws it back on you. So sickness causes you to be selfish which is not of God. Because the heart of Christianity is not selfishness. It is unselfishness. It is reaching out to others without looking at yourself first. Without any virtue of reward or idea of reward. So if you don’t get healed for any other reason you should get healed just so you won’t be selfish any more. So you can start looking at other people. Of course whenever you get healed then you’re going to realize that anybody can get healed and you are going to start ministering to others. So that’s the whole point.

“And that He died for all, that they which should live should not henceforth live unto themselves.” I know that I’ve already read this but I want you to hear this. **“But unto Him that which died for them, and rose again.”** You are to live for Him and not for yourselves. If what’s on your mind most of the time is bill payments, your job, whatever you’re doing at your job, I’m just going to be honest with you you’re not living for Him. You’re living to make ends meet. You’re living to pay your bills. You say, “Yah, but what am I supposed to do? Just let my bills go unpaid?” No, I’m not saying that at all. You shouldn’t be in that far to be honest with you. You need to draw back. Cut back

You say, “Well, I’m already here.”

Well you didn’t get there quick and you are not going to get out of it quick for the most part. Now I’m not telling everybody to put little trailers to drag behind your car and travel around. Well, I’m not telling you not to do that either. If you want to do it go for it. We need more people out on the field. And you will be amply blessed for it I’m telling you.

He says,

“Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we know him no more. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are pasted away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God.”

See we stop at “All things become new.” But all things are of God it says. When you become a new creation in Christ everything in you gets changed over and in your spirit you become new and all things that are put in you are of God. Now your head still gets in the way. That’s why Romans 12 says to have our mind renewed so that you can prove the will of God. But without your mind being renewed you can’t prove the will of God.

How do you know when your mind is renewed? Whenever you think what the Bible says. Not what you think, “What does the Bible say?” If you’re thinking, “What does the Bible say about that”, too late. You’re not renewed. You have to think in line with what the Bible says. You think what the Bible says. When you see someone sick you don’t think, “O.K lets see. It does say lay hands on the sick.” No, no. Whenever you see someone sick you reach for them. That’s when your mind is renewed. Whenever it becomes something that becomes a law to you. I don’t mean law in a negative sense but something you live by.

Now, He says,

“All things are of God who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.” (We have the ministry of reconciliation.) “To the end that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself not imputing their trespasses unto them and have committed unto us the word of reconciliation”

So He is saying, “He is still not holding things against them.” God’s not standing around waiting with a baseball bat to hit you whenever you mess up. He is saying, “No, we are reconciled. Come to me. Be a part of me. Join with me. Get this stuff out of the way and lets be one together.” Isn’t that what Jesus prayed for all Christians.

“Lord, that we all may be one. As you and I, Father, are one that they may be one and that they may be one with us.”

Well, if He and the Father are one and we’re one with them. Guess what? You’re connected to God. That’s is our whole problem. For most part is that we don’t believe that we are connected to God. We still see God as out there somewhere and we are trying to twist his arm or pull something out of him or convince him that we need healing or deserve healing. That is the fastest way not to get it. Because you don’t get anything because you deserve it. You don’t want what you deserve. Believe me. We want mercy not justice.

Now, He says,

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us we pray you in Christ’s stead.”

“We pray you in Christ stead.” We do it in Christ stead. We’re here and Christ isn’t so we have to do it for Him in His place. That’s what He is saying. Didn’t Jesus say?

“If you receive those who I send you receive Me? And if you receive Me you receive the one who sent Me.”

We have totally lost the idea of complete identification with Christ. When you act in His stead, speak in His stead, then you have power in His stead. And He backs up whatever you say as long as what you are saying is what He would say when He’s there. I’m telling you that we are on that verge. Everybody thinks there has to be something special. You think you have to have near death experience and see a bright light or something. You have to go through something. You can’t just believe the Word of God. And that’s all I’m telling you.

People say, “Well, you have a message. God has given you a message.” And I say, “Yes, the message is believe the Word of God.” Nothing special, no feelings, don’t wait for a leading. Just believe the Word of God. Start stepping out. “Well I did that and it didn’t work.” Don’t lie to me and stand too close to me. I’ll slap you. You don’t believe the Word of God and act on it and it not work.

Now there are aspects of growing. This is the other point. Everybody wants to know that everybody they lay their hands on is going to get healed. And they say, “If you can tell me how to do that I’ll start doing it.” Well, I can’t tell you that but what I can tell you is this. Jesus said that everything in the Kingdom is as a seed. You start out as a seed and you grow. And the more you do it the more you grow. But if you don’t do it you’re not going to grow. **There are 3 things that always have to be present in growth. There has to be: 1. Exercise; 2. Nutrition; 3. Rest. Without those 3 things in the proper amount you do not get anything but exhausted and you actually loose ground.** Now “Rest” of course is Worship and spending time with God in prayer. “Nutrition” is feeding on the Word of God, communicating with God, confessing the Word of God. “Exercise” is actually going out and doing James 1:22. Doing what you’ve learned and what you’ve read. Those three have to be together.

People say well. “I’m learning.” You are not learning if you are not doing, because everyone in here knows that you really don’t learn anything until you do it. You can stand back and somebody can watch you how to run a machine or do anything else and when they say, “OK, it’s your turn.” You get up there and say, “What do I do?” Because you still don’t know until you do it. That’s just a fact. So you need to lay hands on people. See, you are wanting all the details. “What if I lay hands on a person and such and such

happens.” We can stand there all day long. We can stand there for years going into “what ifs.” Do you realize that one of the things I’ve learned is that you are never ready. Never. I don’t care how many people you’ve seen healed of whatever. You name it. Name the disease. Diabetes, Tuberculosis, Epilepsy, Cancer. You name it. I will tell you once you have seen a particular disease healed several times then you start knowing for sure this thing is beatable. Because we have seen it so that’s not a problem.

Every person’s situation is different. Even though you pray for somebody with a particular illness that doesn’t mean that you are automatically ready for the next one because the next one could be different. You take a person with cirrhosis of the liver and say that came because they drank to heavily and it just messed up the liver. But you take a person who has liver cancer and it is totally a different situation but yet it is both the liver and both are terminal or can be. Even though you prayed for one doesn’t necessarily mean you are ready to pray for the next one. Logically speaking because of differences in occasion. But, the thing that stays the same is the power of God and the willingness of God to heal. So who cares about the individual.

Do you realize everything you do everyday requires differences. You may do your same job but there are adjustments that have to be made in your daily job. Adjustments you may usually make mentally to get it right. You have to change this or that a little bit. But you are still doing your same job. Well, that is all I’m doing. I do my same job everyday but there are adjustments that have to be made with each person. In most of your jobs if you are going to get a hold of somebody that knows more about it or knows what you need to do, your going to have to call somebody, go somewhere or get somebody to come look at the thing. The beauty of what I do is my teacher is with me all the time. All I have to do is open my mouth and the changes are there. It just comes out.

You say, “See, that’s what I want to know. How do you know that’s going to come out?” Because now I have proven it. But when I started I didn’t know. I just did what I knew to do. I tell everybody, if you hear my tapes you are going to say he says a lot of the same things everywhere he goes. That’s because they still work. Why would I change it? I don’t want to get fancy. I don’t want to add more to have more tape series. To be honest with you, I want to have it so refined that I can wipe out all the tape series and have one set. That’s what I want. I want to narrow it down. I don’t want to keep adding on and adding on. That’s what the Israelites did with the oral laws and the oral traditions became more important to them than the very word of God. I’m trying to narrow things down, to whittle down to get to the essence of it. I don’t want to have to tell you more than is absolutely necessary to get every person healed, delivered, set free, and saved. It’s really simple. I can tell you in a word but then I have to explain it and that’s what takes the tapes it is the explaining.

When you get right down to it its one of two things that will stop it. **Unbelief or traditions of man that stop the word of God.** That’s all it is. So, if you are not having results, look at your traditions. And your traditions don’t necessarily have to be rituals. It can be mindsets. The mindsets are the worst because you don’t even know you have them most of the time. You start looking at people a certain way or you have a certain idea that these things are not beatable.

I have a young man that has been a friend of our family for some time when I was going to a particular church. He came to me and said, “God told me to ask you to be my mentor.” Well I had been praying, “God, give me a young man to train.” So I said sure. And he came along and listened and thought and said, “Curry, you know I’m having trouble with this because I was taught this and you are saying that.” I said, “Well, there is only one middle ground that you can go to. That’s the Word of God. You go back to the Word of God. Check it out. If they’re wrong don’t believe it. If I’m wrong don’t believe me. If you find out that I’m wrong come and tell me. But just find out what the Word of God says, find out the truth, and let’s go with that.” He was with us for some time and he paid me one of the highest compliments that I’ve ever been paid. This was a young man about 17 or 18 at that time. We had not had a falling out per se but kind of a distancing. That’s the best way I can put it because there weren’t any words said or anything like that. You could tell because he was kind of running with a crowd that was going a different direction than I was going. I know where I’m going. And I don’t need a crowd to be going ahead of me or behind me. I know where I’m going. He came to me and said, “You know I’ll say this about you. There are some things, you are harsh with people sometimes.” Maybe a little too harsh and I can see that. “But I know this. I know that you love people or you wouldn’t

do what you do. I'll say this about you. Where ever you go you're the same. Whether it's in a church meeting. Whether it's at a Wal-Mart. Whether it's out at a restaurant. You carry your gospel with you every where you go." To me that was one of the highest compliments that a person can give any Christian but especially a minister. So not too long ago whenever everything started breaking loose to the point where we were really booked up and had a lot going on, he was in the town we had moved from. I had called him and told him, well I had actually gone down to see him and he was there, and I told him, "Man, things are really breaking loose. We need help. There's lots you can do. Come on, come up here."

"Well, I'm working this job. I've got these bills. I've got "X" amount of bills I've got to pay."

"Hey, you don't think God can take care of that? I can't guarantee you a set salary but I can tell you this is that I'll help you to find a job if you need it to make ends meet. We can probably help you out some. But the main thing is if you want the power of God (because that was what he was saying) if you want to see God move you have to be around it."

And the problem with a lot of cities, especially small towns, is that the church there thinks that whatever is going on in that city that's what God is doing. They don't know what God is doing. I'm telling you. You can sit in a city and think this is the way it is. You go outside the city and you find out God is moving. But you get this little narrow view of what God is doing because all you see is your city. You need to get out and go to conferences, go around different places. Just get out and go to a church in another town. A big church. See what's going on. Not that big churches have it all believe me. I like small churches. I like the fellowship there. You give me a small group of 10 or 12 people that really work and I'd take that over a church of a thousand any day. Because you'll get something done.

I told him, "Come on. This thing is going. Let's go." I had given him a chance to speak before and I would give him a chance to speak again in meetings. He just said, "I can't go right now. I've got to get this stuff done. I've got these bills that I need paid off." I understand that. So I left it at that and I had not talked to him again. But every time I see him I tell him, "The door's open. Come on."

Now notice what He says,

"And all things are of God and hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. To wit, God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself not imputing their trespasses unto them and hath committed the Word of Reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ stead be you reconciled unto God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

You are the righteousness of God in Christ. The scripture says it. Why don't you believer?

Now when you believe people will know it. Everyone around you will know it because you start acting like the righteousness of God. And that's when the persecution is gonna come. You're not going to get persecution as long as you act like everybody else, as long as nothing's going on. That's where we catch the flack.

Somebody will say, "Oh, Brother Blake, what're doing right now?" "The same thing I've been doing healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out devils." People get upset. "Oh, I know what you mean Brother Blake. The Lord is using you to heal the sick. You didn't mean that you're healing the sick." If I have to go over that with you, come on you're still a child and I don't need to talk to you. Of course it's God doing it. I'm not stupid enough to think that I'm doing this on my own separated from God. But that's the problem. People want to go, "Oh God is out there and we want to be real careful."

Jesus had no problem with that. Whenever you say you're healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out devils people get all bent out of shape. The people that do that they're religious. They are bound up and they need to break free of that. You need to get out of it. Shake yourself. Do something. But you have to realize that God is in you to minister to the world. He is a part of you and He has given you the Spirit of God to be used for Him. At your will. Not waiting for the "troubling of the water." You can't do that. That was good back during

the times when Jesus was walking the Earth. There was a pool at Bethesda. That was great. But we don't have a pool at Bethesda here. You probably don't have one in your town. So if people are waiting for the troubling of the water it ain't gonna come. You've got to trouble the water.

You know I always wonder what would have happened if somebody had went down at the Pool of Bethesda and just set there and put their feet over in the water. Then after the angel came and troubled the water and the people got healed and they got out and everybody's waiting for the next troubling. If you didn't slosh your foot around a little bit and the water started moving, if who ever jumped in wouldn't have got healed. They probably would have. Why? Because they had faith.

Well that's all I'm doing. I'm going around troubling the water. I don't wait. God didn't wait. See you still want to look back at Jesus as He walked the Earth. You have to understand there is a balance. But we're not even to walk like Jesus, the way He did, in Israel. That's not the way we're supposed to walk. We're not even supposed to walk like the Apostle did when they were with Him. Because that was the days of His flesh. The Bible says, "As He is so are we." Well He's not "IS" as He "WAS". OK?

People say, "Now Brother, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Yes, His nature is always the same. But He was limited by where He was at. That's what I was telling my Brother on the way over here just a while ago.

There was a lady that called me this morning from England that's bringing her son over who has cancer of the tongue. They had to take out his tongue. Twenty-two years old I think. They tried to rebuild it using flesh from the back of his arm to put it back in. They told him, "We don't know if we got all but it could spread." Well it did. It spread down his throat. Now he can't eat He's getting weaker by the day. His mother has been giving him custard, you know English like custard, and she says he can't even eat that now. "I have to water it down to more like soup and he's losing strength." She said, "He's getting depressed and discouraged." Been prayed for before and he's not getting anything so can she bring him over? I said, "Yes bring him over." So we're trying to arrange for a place for them to stay and that kind of thing.

It is not right that she can't go someplace there in England. That she has to come to America to get help. That is a sin. There should be somebody there in England that she doesn't have to get on a plane and take her life savings. She doesn't have money. That's one of the things. She said, "I really don't have the finances to stay in a hotel." I said, "We'll find a place or we'll put you up." She said, "Well how long will we have to stay." "Stay as long as you can. Whatever it is God will help the boy."

I started thinking it's just like it was in the days of Jesus' flesh. They still think they have to get to a person, wherever they have to go, Jesus is in a place. If we get to, like the woman with the issue of blood, if we can touch the hem of His garment. That is not God. God said, "He gave His Spirit to the church, to the body of Christ, that we could all be the body of Christ." You can be the body of Christ. Anywhere you go. They can touch the hem of your garment and get healed. But you have to see it, you have to allow it, you have to believe it. You have to start acting like it.

And you say, "Well that's the problem. How do I start acting like it?" Just go and say what Jesus said. Do what He did. "How do I know the Spirit will be there?" If it's not, get born again. I know that sounds kind of funny but the Bible says, "If you have not the Spirit of Christ you're none of His. And if you have the Spirit of Christ in you you can do what Jesus did with the Spirit of Christ." It's that simple.

I love TL Osborn. He showed me you don't have to have a man lay hands on you to get the power of God. Cause I called him a couple of times, got to talk to him once on the phone and wrote letters saying that I'm coming up there and I'd like to meet with you. My intention was when I met with him was to talk with him a little bit and then say, "Put your hand right here. I want what you got." And on the phone one time he said, "You don't need me to put my hands on you. The anointing is in the Word of God. It is in the Spirit of God. It is Christ. He is the Anointed One. And if you get the Anointed One you're anointed." What I preached to you last night, pure TL Osborn. But it works. The man has proven it and gone all over the world. It's not in a man's hands. It is in the Spirit of Christ.

Now I agree there is an impartation. But most of that is a commissioning to go forth. It is an acknowledgement that when you get hands laid on you for an impartation that means from this day forward you're going to step out.

I hate when I hear people, "I was in Benny Hinn's line. I was in this line. I was in that line." That makes me mad. Because you're becoming a prayer line junky. You're a groupie. Run along and got to get this, got to get that. That's not God. God said, "You begin to be the one to pray for the sick. You be the one."

Now sure I go to meetings. Especially when I wasn't scheduled so much. I was upset because a special friend of mine Eddie Hyatt, who wrote Twentieth Centuries of Christianity, I don't know if you're familiar with the book or not. Excellent book. He's on our Board of Directors and he's going to be speaking in Tulsa and I went by a church. I didn't even know that he was going to be there. Drove by the church and saw his name and I thought I'm not going to be here on Sunday. I'd like to go and see him cause he's a good man of God. But if I'm not in a meeting I'm going to be there. I'm going to be somewhere. I'm going to be listening, hearing, feeding. Now I don't go there just because I think I got to get more. But I enjoy the atmosphere. I want to be around people that believe God. I want be around people that say let's go.

We're getting a hold of people that are ex-military. I've been praying that God would give me ex-military. I want that. I want that mind set. I want that ability to step forward. One that can follow orders. Not my orders but the orders that Jesus' is giving.

Chapter 6 He says, "We then as workers together with Him." Workers together with Him. Workers together with Him. We are workers together with Christ, with God. We're not separate. It would be like McDonald down here calling into the company and saying we've sold out of all the hamburgers. We need more hamburgers. We need more buns. We need more this. We need more that. Would you send us this? Are you going to send us this? We really need it. We can sell it if you'll send it. We act like we are trying to beg. You don't see them doing that. They call up every Monday morning. They dial a certain number and when they get the answer on the phone they don't even talk. They say, "OK McDonalds number such and such. We need this and that." They'd just go down the list. When they hang up they say, "We hope we can hang on with what we have until Wednesday when the truck comes." That's all there is to it. Is there any doubt that the truck is coming? No. They know. Why? Because they know that they are workers together with the management of McDonalds. Well, we are workers together with Him. You get out there and put out the demand. He will meet the demand.

The people that work at McDonalds, I guarantee you that they have never seen how a hamburger pattie is made. All they know is they get the pattie. They cook it and send it out. You don't have to know all of the details. You don't have to know how God's going to get the power to you. You don't have to know everything. Just put your hand out there. You put your hand out there He will supply. It is that simple. And then stand back and watch what God does.

Now, "Workers together with Him beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain." Now we could go on that for a long time. I guarantee you that the majority of those in church they have receive the grace of God in vain because it is useless to them and does not produce.

"For He saith I've heard thee in a time excepted and in the day of salvation have I succored thee. Behold, now is the excepted time, behold now is the day of salvation."

That word "salvation" means "healing, deliverance, prosperity." You name it it's all there. Whatever you need, today is the day. Now is the time, this is it. Not tomorrow. It's not coming. It's already here. It's already been done. It's happened. Everything in the Bible is past tense as far as we're concerned. You need healing. Guess what. You are already healed. We just need to enforce it.

He says,

"But in all things giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed, but in all things, approving ourselves as administers of God."

Now he talks about how he proves himself as ministers of God.

“In much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings and fastings, by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by the love unfamed, by the Word of Truth, by the power of God.”

He proves himself as a minister of God by the power of God. ‘By the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report. As deceivers and yet true.’ In other words people are talking about us. Some are saying bad things and some are saying good. That proves we’re men of God. Cause Jesus said, “woe be unto you when all men speak well of you.” People say well I’ve heard some bad reports and that. So what. They heard bad reports on Jesus. If you hung around the synagogs you would have heard that Jesus was casting out devils by Beelzebub. That’s what the religious leaders sat around and talked about. Trying to make each other feel good because they weren’t doing anything. “Well you know. He’s helping people but it’s by the devil.”

I’m telling you anywhere you go it will always be the same. I think it was Paul and Barnabas that went into Ephesus and they said, “Oh the gods have come down and one is Mercury and they’ve come down to talk with us.” They were looked at as gods. You read about a couple more verses down they’re in prison. You don’t put gods in prison. You will always be a god or a devil to somebody. One of the two. Just depends on who you are talking to. I tell you this. Nobody I’ve ever laid hands on, that God has healed, do I ever hear anything bad about us. The people that talk are usually religious leaders that do not have the power of God in their own ministry and so they come against us. Usually it is to make themselves feel better. Usually the people love us and a lot of the times the ministry doesn’t care for us that much. But it is because I’m not a professional minister. I don’t consider myself a professional minister, the sense of American Ministers. I’m not a TBN pretty boy with my hair slicked a certain way and \$500.00 suits. Well, TBN, we’re talking \$5,000.00 suits. I still shop at Wal-Mart. Matter of fact this shirt came from Wal-Mart. Why because they are easy to replace. Anywhere I go there’s a Wal-Mart. I love them. I can go anywhere and it’s like a military supply dump. You can go there and get anything you need and re-supply. I go into a town, I don’t have enough videotape, I know when we get there we’ll go to Wal-Mart. I’ll get videotape or whatever we need. God bless Sam Walton. You know I travel all over the country and I’m telling you sometimes even when you got people around you that you know it still gets lonely. You feel you’re in a strange place to you and especially when you family is far from you. But I can tell you what. I can go to Wal-Mart and walk around and (Sigh) I’m at home. OK?

But it goes on and talks about all this different things but notice in verse 11. Paul is talking about all these things of how he has proven himself. In other words he’s saying,

“Look, don’t come whining to me. I’ve gone through all of this. I’ve proven my self. We’re still going forward.” Then he says, “Oh you Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you. Our heart is enlarged. You were not straightened in us but you are straightened in your own bowels. No for recompense of the same I speak as unto my children, ‘Be ye also enlarged.’”

He said I’m talking to you like my children. You have to remember this is the Corinthians that he had already written to before and gotten on to them. They were messed up. A messed up church. You think you’ve got a messed up church. Let my tell you the Pastor in Corinth had a rough job. Apparently he wasn’t doing his job to well. Just to be honest with you.

Then he says in verse 14,

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship does righteousness have with unrighteousness. What communion has light with darkness and what concord has Christ with Belial Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?”

Notice the contrast. “For you are the temple of the living God.” You, you are the temple of

the living God. Not the temple in Jerusalem. Not the church where you go. You are the temple of the living God.

“As God hath said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk in them. I will be their God and they shall be my people.’”

Now that is a pretty good promise. He said, “I will dwell in them and walk in them.” Now listen to me. God is walking this Earth today. He is walking this Earth today. And He is doing it through His body. He is doing it through you and I. He is doing it. As you walk He walks. You put your hand out. He puts His hand out. You can’t put your hand out and Him hold back. Do you think you are going to make Him look bad? All of heaven, all of the universe, all of the spirit realm is open before God. All of the demons, all of the angels, all of them know what’s going on. Do you think you are going to reach out and try to touch somebody and God’s not going to reach out and touch them? Do you think that you are going to shame God that way? You’re not going to do it. It is Him in you, Philippians 2:13. “Willing both to will and do His good pleasure.” That’s Him in you making you want to do that. Well, if He’s in you making you want to do it, don’t you think that when you do it He’s going to do it? You’re not going to reach and Him not be there. He’s going to be there.

Now, then he says, “I will dwell in them. I will walk in them. I will be their God and they’ll be My people.” Now notice what the conditions are.

“Wherefore, because of that, come out from among them. And be ye separate saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.”

He says if you want that come out from the unclean, separate yourself. Don’t touch the unclean thing. Don’t get in the midst of all this garbage that is going on. Stay pure before God. Stay separate before God. And it says,

“I will be a father unto you and you will be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

Do you realize what Paul was writing? Paul, a Pharisee, writing to these people back at that time telling them, “God is saying ‘I will be your Father. You will be My sons and daughters. I’ll dwell in you. I won’t be in the temple in Jerusalem any more. You don’t have to go up to Jerusalem once a year.’”

Now notice the next verse, “Having therefore these promises.” What promises? “That I will be a Father to you. That I will walk in you. That I will talk in you. I will dwell in you. I’ll be your God and you’ll be My children.” “Having these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Perfecting Holiness in the fear of God.” That’s what I’m trying to tell you. “Separate yourself for Me. Get away from the unholy” You know what’s right and wrong. You know what’s sin. You don’t need somebody to go down the list. “He said in that day,” talking about the day of the New Covenant which we’re under, “I will write My laws in their heart.” It’s not going to be written on tablets of stone any more.

And really it’s very simple. “Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul and strength and your neighbor as yourself. Do this and you will fulfill all the laws and the prophets.” That’s it. Well how do you love your neighbor as yourself? Well Matthew 7:11, 12. “Whatsoever you would that men should do unto you do unto them.”

I could line you up here and say I’m going to give you a word from the Lord and it’s going to be His will for you. And everybody would line up. “Oh yah, give me a word.” I could quote Matthew 7:12. And say, “Thus saith the Lord, ‘Whatsoever you would that men should do to you do ye even so to them.’ Thus saith the Lord. Amen” OK, go and do it.

And you would say, “Don’t you have to wait for the leading of the Holy Spirit?”

That is the leading of the Spirit. Do you realize that the Spirit can’t lead you opposite of that? Think about it. The Spirit of God would have to deny scripture. He would have to break scripture to tell you to do anything else. Anything you do is going to be under that scripture.

If you lay hands on the sick it's going to be because you're doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you're walking through Wal-Mart, you see a person sick and you look at them. If you were in their situation would you want someone with the power of God to come lay hands on you? Yes, you would.

You've got no excuse. That is your commission into the ministry. That's it. You don't need anything else. You don't need a leading.

Not that God would do this necessarily but I'll say this. If God never spoke another word to me, ever, I wouldn't need it. In the sense I already know what to do and I'll just go and do unto others as I would want them to do to me. And God would not have to tell me another thing and I could go right on to heaven. And when I got there God would pat me on the back and say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Now if I got into a situation where the scriptures wasn't clear then I would need God to tell me specifics. I use the example all of the time. If you're going to come and visit me now in Tulsa and you say, "Where do you live?" I might give you an address but I'm not going to give you all of the details. I'm not going to give you all those details. Because for the most part you don't know about Tulsa, it's all foreign to you. All I would say is, "When you get to Tulsa call me and I'll give you directions." Well that's real simple isn't it? All you have to do is get to Tulsa. That's the general. Then when you get there I'll give you the specifics. You're wanting the specifics now. You're wanting God to, "OK God when I go lay hands on some one who am I going to lay hands on today?" "Well you're going to go to Wal-Mart and you are going to see a lady in a blue dress. And when you do that she's going to have this disease and you're going to lay hands on her and you're going to say this..." That's what you want. Now it's not that can't happen but the fact that you want that, and you are not going to move until you get that, God's saying there's no faith.

How much faith does it take to do that? You've already seen it, heard it. No faith. Faith is when you step out. **Remember that the more evidence you have, the more feeling, the more direction, the more anything, the less faith there is.** When you step out on less information, less direction the more faith there is. That's the greater faith.

Go to Luke 9:54 "And when His disciples James and John saw this," He's talking about a city that wouldn't receive Him, "they said, 'wilt thou.'"

"Wilt" not "will you do it" but do you want us to do it. Do you desire it? Remember that word "Wilt". That's real important.

"Do you desire that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them even as Elias did?"

OK, now we laugh about that but they were serious. They were serious. They obviously knew that it was possible. Now think about that.

You say, "Well they didn't know because that's not the way that God does things." OK. What do you think about Paul whenever he told the sorcerer that you'll be blind for a season and the man went blind? See that throws out the theology that God doesn't do those things. Let me tell you this. God will never afflict His children. He will never put anything on His children that are walking in obedience with Him.

You say, "I thought that it was just Satan that does these things." In Lamentations, I think it is, it says that God does not afflict the children of men willingly. He can be backed into a corner where He has to remain just. We'll get into that later but that should not hinder you a bit in laying hands on the sick. You think well how do I know that this isn't from God. We'll get into that. Trust me just lay hands on people. The people that you'll run into that are under a judgment of God like that is so far and few between that you would never see it in your life time.

If Paul laid his hands on this man, spoke this to this man, and he went blind that was not satan doing it. OK. The reason that people have a problem with this is that their security is in their doctrine. And so their doctrine has to be so clear-cut that they can't allow for anything like that.

Well here is a truth. God does not send sickness and disease on people in the sense that

He's in charge of all of it but He does take responsibility for it. But what He does do – the Egyptians, did God afflict the Egyptians because they afflicted the Israelites? Yes He did. But they weren't His kids. So if you want to make sure that you're not going to ever get smitten of God then it's real simple. Be right with Him. Walk right.

Now that doesn't mean "Well I stepped over and sinned a little bit now God's going to bring some terrible disease on me." No, that's not the way it works. Usually it is through bondage. That is the way it happened with the Israelites. Every time they got into sin they went into bondage. And you even notice that when they were in bondage they got well. God healed them. So that's not how God necessarily does things. I know that I just opened a can of worms and everybody is going let's talk about that. No, I promise you we'll get to it later you'll see.

Verse 55,

"But He turned and rebuked them and said, 'You know not what manner of spirits you're of. For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.' And they went to another village. And it came to pass as they went in the way, a certain man said unto Him, 'Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head.' And He said unto another, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.'"

Lord, let pay off my bills first. See I've experienced this. The young man I was telling you about earlier. There will always be something to keep you from following God. Always. At some point you have to say, "You know what? I don't care if I do have bills. I'll contact them and tell them, "Look I will pay you. It may be a little area that you have to walk in some grace but I will pay you. But I've got to do this."

And notice what it says, "And Jesus said unto him, 'Let the dead bury their dead. But go thou and preach the Kingdom of God.'" We are to preach. You have to get this understanding. We are to preach the Kingdom of God. When you preach the Kingdom of God you are preaching the Gospel. It is a Gospel of the Kingdom. It is the Good News of the reign of God. The word Kingdom it means the reign. It's not a place. Now there is a place so don't get me wrong. Trying not to really mess you up here. But when you are preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God it is the Gospel of the Reign of God. The Rule of God.

Anytime a person is healed 4 things happen:

1. The Kingdom of God is advanced.
2. The kingdom of satan is retreated.

You can't have the Kingdom of God advancing without having the kingdom of satan retreating. They work together. The front lines are always the front lines. Then when a person gets healed, that's 2 things. Then:

3. Christians get bold. They go, "WOW. God is really real." And they wake-up and find out that the God that they've been talking about really is real. And so they get bold and really start talking about God.
4. The sinners know that there's a God in the church.

That's what takes place. One person gets healed, all 4 of those things take place every time. It's an amazing increase.

"And another said, 'Lord, I will follow thee but let me go first and bid them farewell which are at home at my house.' And Jesus said unto him." Now all he said was I'll go with you but let me go and tell them bye. And Jesus walking down the road. Now look at what it says, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Now that's pretty harsh. But then you have to remember what Jesus said about the Kingdom of God. He said that, "the Kingdom is as a pearl of great price."

If you had found a pearl or gold mine or a diamond mine somewhere, someplace some land

that you could get too, if you find it you're not going to run back home and say, "Look, I've got to be gone for a while." No, you're going to stay right there and guard it. You're going to start gathering it up and I can tell them later. I'll tell them when I come back with the diamonds or the gold. You don't put your hand to the plow and back off. But that's what we do.

"Oh, yes. I see that this is true but I'll do that some day." See that is where the church is. The church is waiting for that some day. The church is waiting for the troubling of the waters. They're waiting for that...first I really want to do this but first let me. Put whatever you want on the first of it. It's all the same thing. It's all hesitation. And if you can say that, you really haven't found the Gospel. **If you haven't found a Gospel that is worth dying for you have not found a Gospel that is worth living for.** I'm telling you that you have die to yourself. Die to what you want.

I had aspirations. I had decided I was going to teach martial arts. I assumed that was what I had to do to make a living. I was going to have a chain of martial arts schools and do videos and I had it all planned out. Then God said, "No." He spoke to me and told me, "Why are you pursuing something that has an end when you can pursue Me and I have no end?" And then another time He said, "You are using your hands to teach people to kill and I want to use your hands to teach people to heal."

At that moment I back off and I said, "That's it. I can't do it any more." I quit teaching. I had to back at that point, cause I surely wasn't making a living preaching the Gospel, and had to go back to working at fast foods some times as a manager but some times just doing whatever I had to do. You know, sometimes just for minimum wage almost, and things like that. It's a hard thing when you are nearly forty working for minimum wage at a fast food place. Let me tell you. It's real humbling when you have 15-16 year old kids making \$.10 an hour less than you're making. You're looking at them and you're thinking at least they've got a future. At least they can get out of this. And you're thinking here's where I'm at. So you have to decide what you're going to do. Then that's when God started dealing with me. Then this young man came to me and said that I want to start the martial arts school and I'll back it. Yes, there was temptation there. Let me tell you. Big temptation. Whether you want to wear a McDonald uniform or if you want to have people come in, and when they come in, they are bowing to you. You figure it out. It gets real easy, real quick. Then you have to decide what God wants you to do. That's when I started praying, "God you have to tell me something. If You don't tell me something, if you don't want to use me, I'm going this way." That's when He did.

"No man having put his hand to the plow looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God. After these things the Lord appointed others. Seventy also."

Why did He do that? Why did He appoint the other 70 also? Well in the other Gospel it says that He looked out and saw that harvest is great. Matter of fact it says it right here after this.

And sent them two and two before His face unto every city and place whither He Himself would come. Therefore said He unto them, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

Well that's why He gave another 70. He was getting ready to send them out. He needed more laborers.

We need more laborers right now. I'm telling you they are few. It is hard to find people that will do it. It is easy to find people that want to sit and listen. But take it and do it. No, that's another thing. That's totally different. But I tell you, **you are responsible for the knowledge of God that you have. You will be judged accordingly. That's why Jesus said to take heed to what you hear because you are going to be held responsible. Knowledge is responsibility. And with responsibility comes Authority to do what you are responsible for.**

You're not going to hear this and then go out and think, "Boy, wish I could do that." If you hear it and you believe it you can do it. It is that simple. You choose. Because the knowledge is the responsibility and with responsibility comes authority. Well, with Authority comes Ability.

“Pray Ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send for laborers into the harvest.”

That word “Send” is the Greek word that is used to cast out devils. So we are to “cast out” workers. Cast them out. Just like you cast out a devil.

“Well, how do you cast out a devil?”

The Bible said that Jesus cast out devils with a Word. You know what that word was? – “GO” Real simple, not long drawn out. He cast out devils with a word. A word is “GO”. He didn’t say stay. He said, “GO”. That’s how you cast out laborers. GO, do it, put your hands on people, get busy. That’s how you do it.

It’s not a joke. It’s true, it’s sad, but I always tell everybody that it’s easier to cast out devils than it is to cast out laborers. Devils know they have to obey. Christians think that they can choose. “I don’t have to obey. He can’t tell me what to do.” No, but the Spirit of God can. Who do you think is speaking? If you believe that I am sent of God you have to believe that the Spirit of God speaks through me. If you don’t believe that I’m sent of the Spirit of God you should all get up and run from this. You should run. You shouldn’t even be here. It’s that simple. It’s either of God or not. Once you have decided it is of God you have to obey it. It’s not a choice. You don’t have a choice. We think we do but we don’t. Your last free choice was made whenever you told Jesus, “I make you my Lord.” That’s your last free choice. From then on everything is, “Is it true?” “Yup.” “Then do it.” Follow orders.

He says,

“Go your ways. Behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor script, nor shoes. Salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house you enter first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ And if the Son of Peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it. If not it shall return to you again.”

That’s how you can know. I can tell you over and over how God has protected me. It is amazing. People look good, sound good, we want to work with you; we want to hook up with you. And then God has them to reveal their hand. Their heart. Every time it’s before I do anything. Like they want to be a director of this or a director of that. They want to do something. I don’t go by references. I go by the Spirit of God. He tells me. Sister Ann and Brother Jim they came down to the meetings in Eureka Springs and wanted to direct the Illinois for us. No problem it was done. There was no hesitation. Why? The Spirit of God.

Another time everything looked fine but inside, I told my wife and family, something isn’t right. I don’t what it is if it is major or minor but something isn’t right. I backed off and never gave him that title because the Spirit of God showed me what was wrong and I backed off. God protects me. If you’ll just listen to Him, He’ll tell you. Just don’t do things that are questionable.

How many of you have been to a Black Church? I love Black Churches for several reasons. One is how they do the offering. Ever notice how most Black Church do the offering? They put it up there. They put a little table out. They have two or three people. Everybody brings their stuff up. They count it right then and tell everybody exactly how much came in. No question. No problem. You don’t see people running off to back rooms. You never know what’s happening or how much money has come in. I like that openness. So I believe that if you do things out and above boards and you do not have to worry about it.

Anyway He says,

“If the Son of Peace is there your peace shall rest, if not it shall return to you. And in the same house remain eating and drinking such things as they give for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city,”

Whatever city you go into. We’re talking about a city. That’s the topic, the city.

“Whatever city you enter and they receive you eat such things that are set before you. And heal the sick that are therein. And say unto them, ‘The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.’”

This is the way Jesus said to do it.

Now, what are we talking about? A city. You go into a city. He says, "Heal the sick therein." In where? In the city. Any question? If you see a sick person in Wal-Mart, are they in the city that you have gone to? Yes. OK, heal them.

"Well Brother I can't heal the sick." So you're still stuck on that. Get out of that. You're the same person that wouldn't claim to be a son of God. "Well I'm a child of God." Yes, and you're still a baby. Grow up, become a son. The Bible says that as long as you're a child then the heir is no different than a servant. God does not want servants. He wants sons. You're a son of God and a servant of man. That's the way it should work. But we want to be servants of God. God doesn't want servants. He wants sons. He wants people that will take over the family business and represent Him before man. That's what He wants.

He does not want people that go along, "Well, you know, we just hope that we can be of some little good." Yes, that is all you are – some little good. We don't need little good we need a lot of good. We need you to stand up and say, "Thus saith the Lord God. It will be this way and it will be no other." That's why whenever people do that, that's why they stand out. That's why they draw crowds. That's also why they draw flack. You stick your head above the crowd, look around, and it gets loped off if you're not careful.

See, all I did was act myself into believing. Remember I told you about the town in north Texas. Acted like who I was supposed to be. Once you act and it works, you're not acting any more. Then it's real. Now it's real and I'm doing the same thing. But it started by acting. You just step out and start doing it.

"Heal the sick that are therein." Now notice He didn't go to them and say, "Now preach the Gospel and if they believe you, heal them." He said, "You go in and heal them and then you say that the Kingdom of God has come near you." Now notice this, this is important. He did not say, "Get saved." He did not say, "Now whenever Jesus gets here you run up to Him and say, 'Bless God your disciple healed you and now I want to serve you.'" He didn't say any of that. He said, "Here's what you do. You go. You heal the sick that are therein."

Now did he say to heal the sick of a few minor ailments? He didn't put differentiation on it did He? As a matter of fact when He gave His disciples power it said over all devils and over all manner of sickness and disease. Everything. Then it says that He healed all manner of sickness and disease. He gave them the same power.

Then He said, "As you go into this place heal the sick that are therein. It doesn't matter what they've got."

"Now wait a minute, Brother. What if its not their time to be healed?"

He didn't really seemed to be too concerned about that did He?

"Well shouldn't we pray and fast and seek God's will on it?"

Did He say that? Then He didn't mean that.

"What about the leading of the Spirit?"

You go in and do the works, you're being lead. Let me tell you that you are not going to do this unless you're lead. But you don't wait until you feel some leading. You just go do it. The fact that you're doing it proves that you are being lead.

Matter of fact this deal about leading we blow it all out of proportion. The only place it talks about being lead by the Spirit for a Christian is Romans 8:14. And then it talks about mortifying the deed of the flesh. Which are envying, strife, and all these kind of things. He said if you do that you are lead by the Spirit. That's the only time it talks about it. That's it. It talks about being filled with the Spirit. But He never tells you to be lead by the Spirit. He assumes that as a Christian you are going to be lead by the Spirit because you have the Spirit of God in you. And as you mortify the deeds of the flesh and you get rid of all these stupid things that hinder you, you are going to be lead by the Spirit. And the rest of the time

you are acting on His behalf.

You have the Power of Attorney to act in His behalf. You have the power of God in you, abiding in you, to do the works of God at will. You say, "I thought it was as He wills." No, that's tradition. It is as you will.

He could not tell you how to do the gifts. How to, you know, how to regulate the gift if He did not want you to manifest it at your will. He just said to do it decently and in order. So there's a lot more to this. All I'm telling you is this. Love God. Obey Him. Do His work. Notice what He said, "And tell them when this happens. When you heal the sick, say unto them, 'The Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you.'" The Rule of God.

Remember what Jesus said about the strong man? He said that you can't go into a strong man's house unless a stronger man comes in and binds him up first. Jesus is the stronger man. He has bound the strong man. The strong man is bound. Now we are to go in and gather the spoils. It's kind of like you stand outside of the house, Jesus goes in and ties up the devil, and then we go and look at him. He's sitting in the chair all bound up. And you walk around. "I like this and I want this." And he's sitting over there. Well, Jesus didn't muffle him so you can still hear him and he's threatening you but he can't do anything. And he's sitting there telling you, "Well I'll kill you. I'll give you disease, I'll do this to you. You're going to fall on your face. It isn't going to work." "Yes, keep talking while I get your stuff. Go ahead talk all you want. I've got your stuff." And you gather up these things. Well, what are you gathering up? Souls of men. Healed bodies. What do you think you are going to go into heaven with? Healed bodies. The bodies that you laid your hands on you are going to take them as trophies before God and say, "This is the increase. The talents that You've given me, this is the increase." The increase will always be more than what He gave you.

So as you go out and the strong man is bound, you go in and take his goods. You plunder his house. You notice people don't go in and plunder, "Well I'll take this. No I don't like that. I'm going to take this one." No, no, no you walk in and you put the bag in front of the dresser with all silverware and you just rake it in. You don't care. You don't pick and choose.

"But into whatsoever city you enter and they receive you not, go your way out into the streets of the same and say, 'Even the very dust of your city which cleaves on us we do wipe off against you. Notwithstanding be sure of this that the Kingdom of God has come nigh unto you.'"

Well how do you know that? Cause there was people healed. The Kingdom of God is there when people get healed. The Reign of God. Well what is the Reign of God? It is the Rule of God over a situation. It's when you come in and heal somebody because the devil has them bound up. You come in and set them free. You proclaim "liberty" to the captives. "Look, you're free. Go free." That's how you tell that the Kingdom of God is near. Look this is the rule of God. The enemy would like you bound but he can't do it. This is a rule of God. This is a reign of God. This is you going in and setting the people free that the enemy has bound up. But he's bound now. That's it. That's the Kingdom of God. You want to know the Kingdom of God that is it. You go forth and declare the rule and reign of God.

"But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. Woe unto thee Corazen. Woe unto thee Bethseda. If the mighty works had been in Tyre and Sidon that had been done in you a great while ago they would have repented sitting in sack cloth and ashes."

Now notice in verse 16.

"He that heareth you heareth Me. He that despises you despises Me. And he that despises Me despises the Him that sent me."

See you go out and people talk about you, so what. Who cares? It doesn't even come to you. You can't take it personally. You can't take that against them. You can't take the pat on the backs either. You take all of it to Jesus. Here is criticism you take that to Jesus. He gives it to God. They're talking about You because they're talking about me. Because I'm just doing what you would do. If you were here You'd do this. So they're not really talking about me. Then when they come up to you and say, "Oh, you're awesome." "Yes, thank

you very much. Here it's yours." Because they're not talking about me they are talking about You. Why, because I'm doing what You would do if You were here. You have to do both. You can't have one or the other. You can't take the praise and give the criticism. If you're going to take the praise you have to take the criticism too. But you better not take either one of them. You give them both to God.

What are you? You are just being that faithful servant. In that you are being a servant of men doing what you're supposed to do. It's real, real simple. Don't get puffed up. Don't think you are anybody. Because you are not. You're just another piece of the Body of Christ.

Hopefully your hand doesn't go, "Oh look at me. I am something else. Don't look at the rest of the body look at me. Look over here. Don't look over there. Look here." Your hand doesn't do that and as the Body of Christ you're not supposed to do that either. "Wow, Benny Hinn." Same Spirit. The Spirit of God. The Spirit in me goes through my arm into my hand. Same Spirit. Spirit of Christ in the body. He's just doing his job. If you do your job you'll get the same reward. It's just by how good you do your job. Just do your job. He's no body. I'm nobody. Nobody's nobody. But if we are all nobodies then guess what? We're all somebody. Amen?

"And the seventy returned again with joy saying, 'Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.' And He said, 'I beheld Satan and lightning fall from heaven.' Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and all of the power of the enemy."

Now that first word "power" there is the Greek word that means authority. "I give you authority to tread over all of the power of the enemy." That second word power is the Greek word that means ability. "I give you authority over all of the enemy's ability." If you have ability over the enemy that means you have to fight with him. You have to deal with him. Physically, basically, you have to fight with him. But if you have authority you say, "No. Stop it." And that stops his ability. You see you have authority. Authority speaks. Ability has to fight. It has to wrestle. But authority speaks and it has to be done. A cop does not have to come up and grab you. A cop can say stop. He puts his hand up in front of your car and you stop. Why? Because he has authority. He doesn't have to come by your car window and as you drive past and he has to grab you by the throat or something and make you stop. If he does you are a rebel. You're a criminal.

"Over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you." If you're doing this, now watch this. You want protection here it is. If you're doing this, this is how you get protection. You do this, cancer won't hit you. You do this, diabetes won't hit you. Why? Because you are destroying the enemy. He won't be able to come on you. Do you think I can get sick? Can't happen. I will never die from sickness or disease. Why? Because I'm destroying those things. Now, if I got older and got tired and decided to back off, then guess what? All that rushes in and the very thing that I had the most success in with will be what kills me. That's what happened with most of the great healing evangelists. You read their stories. They died of the very thing that they had the most success against. But you stay strong, you keep that force moving forward, you keep pushing forward, sickness and disease can't come on you. You try to drop a BB into a fire hydrant where the water is coming out. You try and do that. You can't do it. Why? Because there is too much pressure coming out. There's too much of the pressure of the life of God coming out of me for something to get on me. Things that get near me they die. You say that's crazy. Well the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free for the law of life and death. If I believe that I had a possibility of getting something do you think that I would go into a hospital room where somebody's got something contagious and walk in there and put my hands on them? Well no you're not going to do that. "Well brother I'll pray for you out here." If you're going to do that don't even bother to praying.

But you have to be able to walk in and put your hand right in the middle of that stuff whatever it is. Matter of fact most of the time that's what I do on purpose. I do exactly what I don't want to do on purpose. Because I'm not going to allow fear or anything else have me in bondage and control me. Whatever you allow, when that time comes Satan will bring up that ace and say, "Ahah. I can beat you!"

People say, "Well, what if you do get sick?" No it can't happen. But I would go forward. I would continue preaching. You would never know it unless you could see it. But you

would never know it because I would continue to fight. I would continue to go forward. I would continue to do my job. Why? Because that's what the Bible says.

I don't lay hands on the sick cause I see them healed. I lay hands on the sick because the Bible says, "Lay hands on the sick." That's what I do because the Bible says so. It's not because I see results. But I see results because I do it.

The last thing here's what He says, "I give you power and nothing by any means shall hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice no that the Spirits are subject unto you. But rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Now if you follow this on in Luke 9:48. The disciples are arguing over who is going to be the greatest. These are the guys that Jesus sent out to heal the sick. They obviously had some problems arguing over who's the greatest. They were messed up. Ready to call fire down and kill a city. These guys were out there.

Notice what He said. "Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receives Me."

Now in verse 49. "And John answered and said," Now still talking about people being great, right? "We saw one casting out devils in Thy Name and we forbid him because he follows not with us."

I could just hear them. John saying, "Man we're covering for you. OK? We saw this guy. We didn't know who he was. But all be knew was we didn't see him in any of your conferences. I know he's not on your ministerial association. He doesn't have credentials with you and he was casting out devils in your name. But don't worry about it. We took care of him. We told him to stop it and we would come back and talk to You about it."

And you think Jesus would say, "OK boys. Good deal. You've got to watch out for me because there are some kooks out there. No telling what's going to take place."

But do you notice that is not what Jesus said? Jesus said, "Forbid him not. For he that is not against us is for us." Jesus just said, "John, you just stopped a laborer from working."

See Denominationalism right then stuck its head up. "He's not with us. He doesn't have credentials with us so, bless God, he'll never grace this pulpit, this sacred desk." When they told John Wesley that, John Wesley told them that their churches couldn't hold him or his crowds. He said that he was going to have open-air meetings. He was told he wouldn't preach anymore in Church of England churches. He said, "I don't need them. Your churches aren't big enough. We'll go outside. We'll have outdoor meetings." He stood on his own dad's tomb and preached a sermon.

See Denominationalism always tries to cut out. That's why in churches you see disciplinary boards in the church. It's always with a threat of "We'll get rid of you." Discipline in the Bible was always geared toward restoration. Do what's necessary to bring them back in.

People have accused me of ordaining people too quick. You know what? Giving somebody a piece of paper, if they're anointed, they are anointed. Giving them a piece of paper isn't going to make a bit of difference. But I tell you what if somebody needs a piece of paper to get up and go do a job or to get out and do something because they think they need it. I'd write it on the back of a napkin. Because I want laborers out in the field. I'll give you the paper. Get out and go prove yourself. Here's your chance. You need that. There's your opportunity to go do it.

"Well, don't you have to have some kind of training?"

What do you think this is? This is training. You have the teacher with you. I expect you to be trained as you go. And if something comes up we'll deal with it. You cause a problem, we'll deal with it. But it will be dealt with from a viewpoint of restoration and making sure that nobody gets hurt. That's the poing.

We're growing. Our ministry. Why? Because we're putting laborers out there. The people that work with us and the people we ordain, we expect them to produce not just talk. It can't be just talk.

It's like the Divine Healing Technician Training. You know of course that to graduate we bring in a dead person and if you can't get them up. . hey. . . There's your graduation. It's up to you.

So I'm going to read this to you and then we're going to go. As I drive down the road a lot of times God will give me things and this is one of the things that He spoke to me. He said:

“When you walk in this world you walk as Patton walked. A victor. Surveying the evil damage done to mankind by an evil regime that had ability but not authority.”

You have to remember who Patton was. The General against Germany. So you have to picture Nazi Germany. What they were doing at that time. They had ability but they had no authority. You say, “Why not?” Because no man can have authority to do to people what that regime did. Nobody has the right to give that authority.

He said,” Yet we ascribe to God works and acts committed upon man that if they were done to a man or an animal we would despise Him and seek satisfaction upon Him through legal means.”

We say that God does this. God made this person sick. God destroyed this person. He's hurting this person. And yet we level those charges against God. But if we found somebody that was doing the exact same thing to an animal we would take them before a court immediately and have charges filed against them. And they would go to jail. But yet we put those same charges against the Almighty. And it's not God. He is not the cause of your problems.

This is what He spoke to me. “You should, you must and you will become a deliverer of the oppressed if you plan to make your calling and election sure. Once your eyes are open to the agonies of the human race and the availability of the ability to set them free, you must not, you can not and you will not ignore the dictates of your conscience which is the prompting of the Holy Spirit.” A while back I was on a television show in Dallas and I told the people over this television show, “If you want us to come and you're in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, if you want me to come and pray for you, I'll come to your home. You call in right now.”

Within 30 minutes we had received 686 calls. 80-85% were terminal, called terminal cases.

Over the next 3 weeks we received another 300 calls. So there were a little over a thousand calls made. It took us about 4 weeks to get to them all. We set up appointments and went to them.

I would get these calls. Sometimes it would be one person. Sometimes it would be, by the time we got there, there would be 6 or 8 people there they had gathered up. You know, “Can you pray for this one too? And that one too?”

I remember at that time I was listening to a song by Rich Mullins – My Deliverer. And I was listening as I was driving down the road. I had already been to a couple of houses. One lady had her oxygen mask on. She had Emphysema and had oxygen. Just totally helpless.

I remember when I got there they came to meet me and I had to go and see her. I remember praying for her just in the living room. No big fancy meeting. People laid out on the floor, instant healing and this lady took off her oxygen mask and the first time she had breathed freely in several years. Then she got real happy and excited. She shook my hand and thanked me for coming.

I started talking to other people and then I looked for her and I didn't see her. I started to leave and went out on the front porch. She was out there with a cigarette. First thing. I looked at her and said, “You know if you do that. What you got today won't stay. But next time I won't even be able to come pray for you. Not that I wouldn't but all I'll hear about you is your death. Because it will happen too quickly. What we've done is we've pushed off the enemy. Now if you open the door again he's not going to just come strolling in. He's going to come in like a flood. He's going to take you out quick. Because you made a fool of him. He's not going to allow that.

I get these phone calls. I'm going to start to record them. I want you to hear them. People calling from all over the country and different places and calling for prayer. Hearing these things, and I was listening to that song "My Deliverer." I kept thinking about these things. Then God said, "If you have a mind set, a religious mind set, forget it. He can't talk to you about certain things."

Just like Jesus told His disciples, "I have many things to tell you but you can't bear them right now. Because your mind set is still in the Jewish Traditions and you don't understand."

Then Paul said in First Corinthians 3, "You're yet carnal. You're yet babes in Christ and I can't tell you meat. All I can give you is milk." Then in Chapter 12 he talks about the Gifts of the Spirit and he's still talking milk. He's not talking meat. He said they couldn't bear meat. The Gifts of the Spirit are not the meat. They're milk. He said, "You don't come behind in any gift." So don't think you have to be perfect or attain some level. You don't.

But if you have a religious mindset you can't hear this. You'll get mad. Actually that's what you'll do. Generally, "Who does he think he is?"

I'm telling you. I know who I am. I'm just a man who is born of the Spirit of God and has been filled with the Spirit of God. So I'm not in my own ability anymore. I'm His ability.

As such as Jesus is a Deliverer and I'm to do His job on the Earth, then that makes me a Deliverer. Not in the sense that I can do it on my own. I know that.

The Bible says, "There shall come forth out of Zion deliverers." Plural, not one. They are going to come forth out of Zion. And I was listening to that song. You can hear it in that song. The people were crying, "My Deliverer comes."

The people in Egypt, the Israelites, were crying for a deliverer. In Exodus, it says that God heard their groanings because of what was put on them by their taskmasters and He sent Moses, a Deliverer. The people of God today, forget the world, the people of God are crying for a Deliverer. We deal mostly with church people and it's a sin. We ought to be Deliverers setting people free. Not getting free ourselves. Get free so you can get others free.

I listen to this stuff, these phone calls, and I started crying. I started crying because they're looking for a Deliverer and they see him coming in me. You know they see Jesus. They're hoping that some man can come and they don't realize the Deliverer is right here all the time if they would just get a hold of Him. But people don't. They can't hear that. You have to be the Deliverer. You have to decide, "I don't care what people think. I'm going to act like a son of God and start to pick up and go. That's what you've got to do. You have to be a Deliverer. Because if you don't do it, it's not going to get done. People need freedom.

End Of Study #3

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

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Lesson 4 of 8

We tell unbelievers to believe, to choose to believe. We tell them to accept Christ. We tell them, "Just believe. Believe God, accept Christ." And we tell them that they can do this if they will decide to do it.

Somebody says, "Well, no I'm not ready. I'm not sure." What do we do? We tell them, "No. Don't wait. Do it now. Say this with me. Just give your heart to Christ. Choose to believe him." We almost get mad at them.

Then we turn right around talk out of the other side of our mouth and tell people, "You've got to wait till God tells you to do something. Brother, you can't choose to believe. God's got to give you the faith. You can't choose." But yet see we're double minded. See we tell

non-Christians one thing and then we tell Christians something else. If you can choose to believe to get saved you can choose to believe anytime after you're saved on anything that that is scripture. You have the choice to choose to believe. Choosing to believe is faith. Of course when you act. That's not just mental accent where you just speak out, "Yes, I agree with that." But it is whenever you choose to believe something. You'll act on it. You'll start to move forward. You'll start to step out.

So one side we tell people, "Choose to believe." You know if sinners were smarter they would stay sinners instead of coming into the church. Because as a sinner, according to the way the church treats them, they actually have more rights as a sinner than they do as a Christian. As a sinner God doesn't expect anything out of them except to come to Him. They can't do anything right because you're a sinner. Anything you do is out of a heart of sin so you can't do anything right.

But once you get to be a Christian now all of a sudden it's funny. Everything was by grace. You get to be a Christian and everything is my works. So it would be better to stay a sinner, in the way church looks at things, than to be a Christian. Because once you become a Christian now you have to work all this stuff out.

And the Bible does say to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. That's not talking about works. It's amazing how double minded we are. We get double minded whenever we just don't read the plain written Word of God and act on it.

Theory can sound real good until you start practicing it. Once you start practicing it all it all theory goes out the window and what works, works.

Jesus, when he was here in the flesh, spoke to fisherman about fishing. He spoke to framers about farming. He spoke to military people about military things, authority. When he deals with you most of the time he's probably going to show you things by way of what you're familiar with. You know, whatever job you do. He's going to show you things that are going to come to light by using those examples.

With me I have three major backgrounds. One is in the military. I was US Air Force Security Law Enforcement Specialist. Then I went into hand-to hand combat right before I got out. My other background was teaching martial arts. Then my third life, the third section, was in the fast food service industry. So God deals with me predominantly through an area of military mindset, through a martial arts mindset, or through food service type of mindset.

See God chose Paul to do the job that he was chosen to do. God even told him what great things he must suffer for His namesake because of the things that he was going to go through. He had a particular mission and that's what made him an Apostle. He was sent on a particular mission with a particular message to do a particular job. That is part of the qualifications of being an apostle.

Whenever I was teaching martial arts my mindset, I wasn't into the traditional you know all of the uniforms and belts. That stuff didn't mean a thing to me. Couldn't care less about it. At one time I did have belt ranking but it doesn't mean anything. God got all of that out of me. In fact it was a hindrance in some ways because of some of the spiritual ties that comes with it. Even if you're not into Eastern Religion. See I didn't believe in meditation. Didn't get into the spiritual aspects whatsoever. I thought. But you do the physical things that demons like and they will come. You light candles, guess what? You're going to draw moths. Even in the physical. You start getting into candles and you start lighting a lot of candles, guess what is going to come? Demons. They like that. You would think that the flame of fire would be the last thing they would want to see. But they do like them and it draws them. When you look at the satanic rituals always involve some type of lighting candles and aspects like that.

The same thing when you do certain postures. When I was the radio station in Peoria this man on there was talking about how he was into Yoga and Reincarnation and different things like that. So I started talking to him about Yoga. He thought that I was just a preacher. Just some guy coming along preaching, "Get saved or burn in hell." That is not my message. There's a truth, sure. But my message is why use God as fire insurance? He's got a whole lot more. Fire insurance that's just on the very end. He's got a whole lot more that's available that we should be walking in that you don't have to wait until you die

to get the benefit of it.

I was talking to him and he'd mentioned yoga so I thought, "OK. He doesn't know a whole lot about me." So whenever he started talking about Yoga I started saying, "Well you know the reason that you are doing yoga, the name 'Yoga' means 'unifying with God, connecting with God.' That's what it means." I started talking about the different aspects of it and the postures and things. I said the postures that you're doing you're aligning the energy centers. I started talking about the ki meridians. Which are energy channels, you might say, that float through the human body, they are real. They exist. They're electro-magnetic currents that flow through the body. So he started seeing, "You know this guy's not some dumb, hick, backwoods preacher." He knew I knew some background in it because I was trained in that as a martial artist. I knew different knockout points and things like that you do with those things.

We started talking so I knew to get to him I'm going to have to relate to him from a Yoga viewpoint. So I started talking about these energy fields and things and I knew that he knew about the postures. So I started talking about, "Why do you get into those postures. Why do you think if yoga is not a spiritual exercise why do the postures have to be perfect? Why are you doing them? Why are you aligning yourself up? What are doing when you make these postures?" He couldn't answer me. He said, "I just thought it was to align up the Chakras."

"Yes, you are lining them up. You're trying for a free flow of energy and you're trying to tap into this spirit that is behind this thing." I said, "When I say to you the word 'prayer' what do you think of?"

He said, "Talking to God."

I said, "Right there. That's what people think. This, on your knees or something. There's a posture in prayer that people relate it to. And it's the same thing in yoga. Those postures are physical prayers that bring the demons. That's why you do it." I said, "The martial arts have forms and you have to go through certain maneuvers. And as you do these forms you get in certain positions and you think it is just a physical position but it's not. It's a spiritual position." In the particular martial arts that I was in at one point it was the highest ranking in Texas in that art. I was the representative of the Grand Master at that time. One of the postures and the forms that we did was the hand had to come up and it was flat and it was this angle. This hand was called "The Buddha Palm." Well, I never called it that when I taught because I didn't like Buddha. He's dead and gone and I don't want to remember him. So when we did it there was another term they used which meant a palm hand. I would teach it from that viewpoint. I never got into the meditation, the spiritual aspects. But I'm telling you that you don't have to get into the spiritual aspects. I reached a point in the physical, and I even told members of my family and friends, for me to go any further I will have to get into the spiritual. It gets very easy to manipulate and control people physically if you know principals of body mechanics. The art that I taught was based on physical principals of body mechanics. Even then I could care less and my attitude was, "It's got to work. It's got to be real. No fluff."

God saw that in my heart. That's one of the reasons why I'm doing what I'm doing today. Because I have that attitude of I don't want fluff, I don't care about tradition, I don't care of what other people have said or done. It makes no difference. All I want is truth. If I found out that there was any particular group had absolute truth I'd go with them. In that, if you are a lover of truth, in the sense of God's truth especially, He will bring to you what you need to know.

God is not trying to make you like any person. He wants to live His life through you. Don't think that God is going to get a hold of you and you're going to change to where your personality is somehow constricted. That you're not the same person. You're going to be the same person.

You start imitating people, you start taking your jacket off and waving it on people hoping they are going to fall down, it won't work for you that way. You're imitating a man, what he did. The idea is to imitate God! That's what the Bible tells us. Imitate God.

Here's what I'm getting at. Jesus made us. He developed in different people, by different circumstances and things around you, your personalities. If your personality is sanctified, in

the sense that your characteristics are Godly, Then that is fine. But if you're characteristics and personality is not Godly then He's going to have to temper that. Yes there will be changes that take place.

But He's not trying to make everybody walk around like Robert Powell – you know Jesus of Nazareth movie. You know when they show Jesus and had that light shining behind him and the boy is frothing at the mouth. Then Jesus puts his hand up and you see the shadow hit the boy. Do you really think it was like that? I'm been in Africa, I've been around places. It's never the way you think it's going to be. In Africa you've got goats running through the church. You've got kids screaming.

If you have kids and you get embarrassed because they are crying or making noises and you don't want to leave the meeting. Don't ever worry about that. If you need to move to the back so you don't disturb the people around you. But you will not disturb me. If you ever, God forbid, that you should ever lose a child. But if you ever did those cries become precious to you. Children's cries never bother me because it is always better than the alternative. That's just the way it is. Doesn't bother me a bit.

When I was in Africa I would hear these kids crying and total chaos. People still got healed and delivered. It was awesome.

I realized that God is not in the sanctuary, in the quiet, where you hear in the background soft music. Can God be there? Sure. Is that the only atmosphere that God has to have to work in? No. If He does then we are all in trouble because that's not where your real life is. Your real life is in the middle of chaos, what seems like confusion, different things hitting you different times. Well, if that stopped God then all Satan would have to do is keep chaos going on and he would stop God. But God wants to be the constant in the middle of your chaos. I've never been busier in my life. I go constantly. I have so many different things going on. People talking to me all of the time, "Can you be here? Can you do this? When are you going to get this done?" I can't keep up with all of that. If I had all of that on my mind all of the time there is no way I could minister and do any good. I'd be a nervous wreck. God in the middle of that chaos, the constant is this. Help people. Always the same. Doesn't matter what's going on.

At one time we were having so much problems with the tapes that it came to a point where I said that we will stop doing tapes. Because I am not going to get caught up in a business. I'm not going to get caught up in a business of making tapes and selling tapes to where that becomes the driving force behind what I'm doing. It's mean that much to me. It is a good source of income to allow us to go and do what we need to do, sure. But it's not worth losing the anointing over. You know what I mean. Obviously I can't loose it but it sure can dampen it to the point where I can't function. I'm not going to do that cause it's not worth that. I understand why David Hogan doesn't do anything himself. I understand that.

But I realize what the tapes do. Believe me if I didn't think that the tapes helped people I would not mess with them. They are more trouble than they are worth.

I'm trying to tell you that things don't have to be perfect for God to show up. We're not in a perfect world. There is never a perfect situation. Everything does not have to be just perfect to happen.

That's the main drawback that I have against some of the Word of Faith teaching. I had a brother just the other day that had gone through a lot. He had gone through some teaching on confession, which I'm big one on confession. I watch what comes out of my mouth. I don't let corrupt communication come out. I'm big on that. He started asking about these things. He said that he had this teaching that said that if I say one wrong word it's all gone and I've got to start all over again.

"I'm tired of being under condemnation. Because I'll say something, it'll slip, I don't mean it that way. I don't mean it out of my heart that way." He was 67 years old and that he had talked this way all of his life and this was all new to him. "At this rate, it's so engrained in me, I don't know if I'll ever be able to totally change my mouth before I go to be with the Lord." He said, "Does that mean that God can't help until I get go to be with Him?"

I said, "No, that's the problem that I've been facing. If that's true then it all comes back to your works. Everything doesn't have to be perfect. God looks on the heart." Now you

shouldn't just spout out filth, come on. And filth to God is not necessarily cursing. Filth to God is saying, "I don't know if He'll do it." That's filth to God. That's corrupt communication. Because even an atheist will tell you if there was a God he'd have to be able to heal or he wouldn't be much of a god. So even an atheist has more faith in God than most Christians do for the most part. They don't always believe it.

I wrote this down some time ago. I'm going to read it.

"God has yet to find a man or woman sufficiently dead enough to himself, to his ambitions, to his goals, etc., even the reputation or fear of man or pride of life sufficiently dead unto sin and sufficiently alive to unto righteousness so that God can truly realize His plans ambitions and goals through them."

See if you ever can get a hold of something get a hold of this. God and Satan are looking for the exact same thing. Somebody to totally possess. The difference is in how they do it.

Satan possesses and drives and demands. God possesses by you agreeing with Him and being influenced by His Word.

We definitely have an advantage over Satan. Satan as soon as he gets somebody, as soon as he totally possesses somebody, and gets them to where he can totally use them, they are usually either dead, in jail, or in a mental institution. You do anything that wrong and you get that possessed of the devil and you are going to be doing stuff wrong enough that somebody is going to take you off of the streets.

Where as with God, we get possessed enough of the Spirit of God to where He can live His life through us. And that's all a possession is. You have to get over the idea of possession because we always look at it from a negative viewpoint.

"Be filled," let's use that. Filled with the Spirit of God sufficiently to where He lives His life through you. See we're so worried about our reputation. We are worried about what people will say about us. People are already saying bad things about us. If you're doing anything in the Kingdom of God people are going to be talking bad about you. That's the way it works.

If you can ever die to your reputation enough, die to yourself, die to your fear of man. See that's what holds most people back. The fear of man. It is the fear that they are going to say something about you. "Well if I act like this they're going to say, 'Well he's acting like he thinks he's god.'"

That's what the Bible says, "Imitate God. As dear children be ye followers of God" That's what it says. Paul said to follow him as he follows Christ. That word "follow" is imitate. Imitate me as I imitate Christ. What is Paul saying? "I'm just doing what I see my big brother doing." What did Jesus say, the big brother, what did he say, "I'm just doing what I see my Father do."

What are we supposed to say? "Well, I'm just doing what I saw Paul do." You see right on down the line. It's not hard. Nothing special. You just follow the leader. Just act like them.

When we were in Havana, Illinois, I think it was Sister Ann that said this. There is a virus in computer language. If you get a virus it can spread not only throughout your machine but others through the internet and it can do a lot of damage. Well somebody had said that I was a virus in the body of Christ. But a good virus, spreading truth and spreading life. As we go we infect people.

I thought, "Well glory. I like that. I'll go with that."

We look at the world, and we talk about viruses in the world, and we look at virus as a dead thing. A virus is alive yet it causes death. It kills. Life kills. Christians can't get a hold of that. If you will ever get a hold of the fact that if you are a part of the body of Christ, if you are a cell in the body of Christ, then you should be a virus to infect. To bring life and to kill death where ever you go. Whatever comes in contact with should not be the same when you leave. You should be a virus. You should be so contagious that you kill death that you come into contact with and spread life. We, the body of Christ, should be a virus in the

Earth to where it literally goes out and infects the Earth with the righteousness and power of God.

You know a virus does not care who it jumps on to. It doesn't make a bit of difference. It doesn't think about it.

Now some hosts make better hosts than others. I look at myself and I start saying, "You know in the same sense the Spirit of God should be like a virus in us." We should be the hosts of the virus which is the righteousness and power of God.

We should carry it with us. You know you can be a carrier and never come down with the thing. Now God forbid that that would be our case. But we should be carriers and we should be contagious.

Think about this. It says; "If and when God finds that man or that woman, that person will walk, talk and act like God like Jesus did." You ask well how does God walk and talk? Look at Jesus that's how he did it.

Now Jesus lived back 2000 years ago when there were certain circumstances and certain situations in the earth. If Jesus was alive today He would not walk that same today that he did then. In essence He would be the same. But the conditions of the times would change things.

If you can die to your ambitions, die to your goals, your plans, put all of that aside and say, "God, I want You to live your life through me." Then He's going to come down and He's going to put you on like a set of clothes.

Not too long ago that's one of the things that He spoke to me. When I was in a church and I was looking at all of these people. Nicely dressed. You know they come to church a certain way all nicely dressed. You go through your closet and you pick out something special. Why because you want a good image. You want to dress right. You want them to see you the way that you want them to see you. I was looking at all of this and I was thinking about picking clothes out of a closet and looking at this crowd and the Lord spoke up inside of me, "That's what I'm doing. You're my closet."

He's looking through us. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro over all of the earth. Seeking those in whom He can show Himself strong, whose heart is perfect toward Him."

He's looking for that suit of clothes that will best represent Him to the earth in which we are going in to. He's looking at us to put us on. We're His clothing. The Spirit of God comes inside of us and talks through us, walks through us. You know the funny thing is that He's going to talk through me differently, use different words and different illustration than He will through you. Why? Because we don't have the same makeup. We've been to different places, different circumstances. But it is still the Spirit of God working through that.

If you ever get a hold of that you start to realize that you have to do your job. Nobody else can do your job the way that you can do it. Because nobody else is like you. You can be you and let God be through you.

We always say, "Well, I just want to be like Jesus."

He wants to be like you! He wants your opportunity. He wants to step into you and to step out into your world. He wants to walk and talk through using your words, the words that you understand, the way you think, to bring an understanding of Him to His people. And also to the people that He wants to be His people.

People are expecting me to be like John G. Lake. But God is using my personality to reach people and he speaks through me like Curry Blake. Now when I pray for people why do I get loud then? Because it doesn't matter, I'm not trying to reach anybody. I'm talking to the devil or any spirit below him or any aspect of that. It has nothing to do with the people so I'm not trying to reason or figure things out. I'm just, warfare.

But He wants to live through you.

This is the other thing. Whenever you die to your ambitions, you die to yourself, you die to your plans and you say, "God, I want to do what you want me to do." Then you are going to start living, walking, talking like Him. Just like He would do if He were in your situation.

Guess what? When He inhabits you, when you create for Him a habitation in your spirit for the Spirit of God, guess what is going to happen. The religious world is going to want you dead. Just like it wanted Him dead. It's going to come against you. It's going to talk.

It's amazing. The first thing they're going to say about you. "Wrong. You're wrong."

"But, Brother, I've heard some of this teaching and I really don't find anything wrong with it yet."

"Trust me. I'm your spiritual leader. He's wrong."

Then you go on. You start getting results. And all of a sudden some of those people get healed and they are saying, "How can it be wrong? I got healed."

Well now all of a sudden it changes. Now I'm not wrong any more. Now I'm "Special". Now God has "anointed me".

"Well, I thought I was wrong. Now all of a sudden I'm special."

I'm telling you that I'm not wrong and I'm not special. I may be different. But if I'm different it's because I chose to be different. I chose to obey the voice of the Word of God.

You hear me when I praying and I always say, "You will obey the voice of the Word of God." The reason I do that is because the devil does obey the Word of God. If he did he would not attack anybody with sickness or disease because the Word of God says we are healed. But what he does is he has to obey the "voice" of the Word of God. God is looking for some one to voice His Word through. And until you voice it it's not going to be established on the earth. The Bible says that His Word is established; it's settled, forever in heaven. It's settled in heaven. You're not going to argue with God over His Word in heaven. But it is here on the earth that we have to settle it. This is where we have to decide "Yea or nay." It is by your voice that you voice the Word of God. When you do that the Bible says that, "Angels harken to the voice of His Word."

Well so do demons. They have to listen to the voice of His Word. So when I'm talking to some one, or talking to that body, or talking to that spirit that's what I tell them, "Obey the voice of the Word of God." So I just try to be accurate.

Whenever you start doing that the enemy is going to try to kill you. He tries to minimize you. Usually when they say that about you, "First off you're wrong." Well they say that because they don't want to have to measure up to the standards that you're setting in the preaching. Then all of sudden you are special. Why? Because they don't want to have to measure up to the standard that you are setting. Because if you are special, you're specially anointed. That is garbage. There is no special anointing. There is only the anointing of the Lord Jesus Christ. It's His anointing.

Whenever Judas fell and they appointed some one else in his place. Then they said that Judas gave up his part of this ministry. There is only one ministry. You don't have your ministry and I have my ministry. It is one ministry. It is the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. Anything that you are doing, it is a part of that ministry as a function of that ministry.

So if you are doing something that Jesus wouldn't do, you can't say, "It's part of His ministry."

You look at what Jesus did there is an example of what the ministry was. Preaching, teaching, healing the sick, casting out devils, raising the dead, isn't that funny He didn't do anything He hasn't told us to do. Exactly the same thing. Well guess what? He lived by Matthew 7:12 too. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. For God was with Him. He went about seeing those and He said, "You know what? If I were in their shoes I'd want someone to come to me and minister. So I've got to do it."

That's the way He ministered.

Even the term "went about" is a term that shows not definite direction but a wandering. He wandered about. He didn't have set places He had to be at a certain time. He only had one appointment that he had to keep. That was on the cross. Everything up to that time He was just going about showing what a person filled with the Spirit of God should be like. He is much more united to you, much more identified with you than you can possibly imagine. You have been so religiously brainwashed to where you have put Him up on a level, which separates Him from you. When His entire mission was to bridge that separation and we've done it again.

At the first time they were looking for a messiah, they were looking for a lion and He came like a lamb. They missed Him. The religious people missed Him. And this time the world religious setting is looking for a lamb and He's coming as lion. They're going to miss Him again.

That's why people start saying, "Well end times are going to be like this. And such and such is going to happen." I listen but I really don't listen. Because I figure, "You know what? The religious community has proven that they can miss God." So I really don't pay a lot of attention to the newest fad and whatever idea people come down with. Really makes no difference I'm doing my job. The Bible says, "Blessed is that servant that when his master comes finds him faithful and doing his job." So that's what I'm doing. I'm not going to be sitting around trying to figure out His coming. I'm going to be faithful setting the captives free. That's what I'm going to be doing.

The other good thing about that is whenever you start acting, talking, walking like Jesus you will full access to the resources of heaven. Jesus said, "He who speaks the Word of God, God give him the spirit without measure." Guess what? That referred to Jesus but it can refer to you too if you will speak nothing but the Word of God. If you'll live in the presence of God.

There's a book out called "Practicing the Presence of God." You don't need to practice it you need to live in it. You may have to practice it to get to live in it. I tell you what we get so religious. "I've got to go pray." Wigglesworth, "I don't pray more than 30 minutes at a time but I don't spend more than 30 minutes without praying." Well, that's real good and I'm surely not putting him down for it. That's great but why not live in the presence of God? Why do you have to go off and get a hold of God? Why get up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Father. In Jesus' name I come to you." And don't say "Amen." Don't say, "In Jesus Name, Amen." Don't do that. Just open a prayer and go all day with it. And when you get in bed that night then if you want to say, "Amen."

The Bible says to pray without ceasing. How can you do that? You can't, not the way you think prayer is. Because you think prayer is talking. That's not prayer. Prayer is communication between God and it's not always with your mouth moving. How would you like say, "Yes, we're having a great conversation." And the other person is sitting there saying, "Well you know he's having a great conversation. All I can do is to sit here and listen. I can't get a word in here edgewise." That's what we think of prayer is when we are talking. Prayer should be a communication, conversation, back and forth.

I want people to interrupt my conversation with God during my daily life. If somebody sees you over there praying, knelt down somewhere, they're not going to come up and interrupt you usually. But I want to live in that presence of God. Whenever I'm talking with my friends I want God to be in the middle of that. I don't want it to be separate. "Oh God, I'm talking to my friends right now. I'll talk to you later." He should be right there in the middle of you. It says where two or three of you are gathered there I am in the midst. He should be right there. Live in that presence.

See if you are religious weird you can't do that. You can't live this way all of the time. Now do you feel His presence some times? Sure you do. But when you don't feel His presence is His presence not there? No, it's still there. Just because you don't feel it, maybe your feeling is that you just get worked up to a certain point to where you feel something.

Now I have goose bumps at times. I have different feelings. I have feelings sometimes when I pray for people. Most of the times I don't. But you know what? A policeman

doesn't feel things whenever he stops a car and issues a ticket or catches a burglar. He doesn't feel anything in the sense of, "Well now I feel like I have authority. Oh feel that authority. I better go stop a car." He doesn't feel that way. He knows he has authority and feelings have nothing to do with it.

Now he may get an adrenalin rush cause you get that. Well I get that in the middle of battle too. There are a lot of times I get an adrenalin rush whenever I'm laying hands on some body. There's just there is, "Bless God, let's get do it."

I tell you when you get in the middle of the battle it gets fun. Because you realize that you are not the one that has to win it. It's already been won. You're just going in there and taking over. And it gets amazingly easy. See, if you are having a hard time it's because you are trying to do it. You're struggling with it and you're trying to get it done and you can't do that. You've just got to relax. Faith is a rest. Faith is a rest. You know it and you can rest in it.

The Bible says, "Lay hands on the sick and they will recover." How can it be any other way? You're sitting here thinking, "I've heard this before." Come on this is not deep, deep theology. Well, neither was Jesus'. Matter of fact His theology was so deep the religious leaders couldn't get it. Kids understood it. That's the kind of deep theology I want. You know the kind that sets the captives free as people are standing around scratching their heads saying, "I wonder how he does that." Even the Pharisee's came up and asked, "What do we have to do to work the works of God?" Most people don't even know that verse is even in there. Because I get that same question all of the time. What do I have to do to get the power of God? The answer is exactly the same thing that He told them. "This is the work of God. That you believe on Him whom God has sent." It's that simple. Don't believe in yourself. Don't believe in your own ability. Don't believe in your own goodness. Don't try to make your own righteousness because that stinks. Just believe in Him. When He said, "It's finished." It's finished, that's it. Just believe in Him.

"When I put my hands on them they didn't get well." You weren't believing. "But I was believing. I know I was believing." No, cause if I have to pick who is lying it's going to be you over God. He said, "Lay hands on the sick and they will recover."

I really believe that you may have believed you were believing. I do agree with you there. You may need to continue in the studying in the Word and feasting in the Word.

Everywhere I go I tell people the same thing. I gave this young man an invitation to come with us and he's still back home. I tell people that all of the time. "If you want to go come." People say, "Well it would be awesome to travel with you." Come on I don't care. I love the fellowship. I don't care who comes.

People say, "Well what if get somebody on your team that's not of God?"

Jesus had one and it didn't slow Him down. So what, he was the treasurer. So what? See I haven't always been a good person. I tell you I have a background. It was because I was selfish that's where it came from. My wife said, "What are you going to do if stuff comes out sometimes or somebody says this about you?" "Well if they're quoting something that really happened. I'll say that it's true. Look what God can do. He took me from that and made me this." That was then, this in now.

She said, "Don't you think that will hurt the ministry?"

You can't hurt the ministry. You can't do it. This is God. God protects this thing.

You have to realize that God wants to work through you. He wants to live through you. I keep saying the same things over again. I just say it different ways trying to get into you.

You say we should represent Christ by being like Him in nature. You know, "Love your neighbor, Be Good. Help little old ladies across the street." That kind of thing.

We should be like Him in the fruit of the Spirit.
We should be like Him in compassion and in power.

End of Lesson 4

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

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Let's pray. Father, we thank You for this evening. Lord we bless Your name. Lord, You and Your Son, they're the reason we're here. Father, we just thank You for what you're doing in and through Your body on this earth as we are conformed to the image of Your dear Son. Father, we just ask you keep it up. Just keep on going, Father. Just continue to indwell us, to live big through us. Let us take our limitations off of You. In Jesus' name. Amen

In Psalms 78 it said that the Israelites provoked God because they tempted Him by limiting the Holy One of Israel. They limited Him. One of my prayers has been consistently for me to take the limitations of God.

I startle people some times when I talk about healing because the first thing I usually tell people is about 95-98% of everything that you've heard about healing is wrong. And a good probably 80% of it is just excuses that we've made up because of our own inability to minister healing to people. That's why we've substituted it roughly 400 years after the church was really started we started running out of faith because people stopped stirring themselves up. They started replacing faith with ritual. And they started thinking, putting their faith in those rituals. All of sudden the power of God started disappearing. It wasn't because any sensationalist theology. It wasn't because God said, "That's it."

Think about it. It would be kind of foolish for God to send His Jesus down here and for three and one half years solid just kicking the devil's teeth out every time he turned around. Get him real good and mad and then leave. Let His power to stay around for another 30 or 40 years until all of the Apostles died then take all of the gifts back. That's ridiculous. You don't make an enemy real mad and then take all of your tools and weapons away from your kids. Matter of fact, if anything you need more. You have to stop and go back and think about how if it died with the Apostles, when the last Apostle died, can you imagine here he laying on his death bed life kind of going away from him, leaving him. Then you have to get everybody in town. Quick if you need healing better do it quick. He's dying, he's going to be out of here. Just put his hand out of the side of the bed and run up under it. Oops he's dead. That's it.

People talk about us taking away the sovereignty of God just because we tell them that God wants to heal everybody. They say that we are taking away God's sovereignty because we think we take away His choice to heal. We don't take away His choice who to heal and not to heal. He did that. He decided that whenever He said, "My blood cleanses, My body it's broken for you."

If you participate in a communion service then you participate in the healing of Jesus Christ. Anybody that can take a cracker and drink Welch's juice in a communion service has a right to expect healing from God. That's what those two elements represent. Spiritual healing, physical healing. That's what it represents. For you to allow some one to take communion and drink the juice and then take the cracker and say you have to take the bread but you can't get healed. You have to wait and check with God on that. You're making them not discern the body of Christ. You're making them do that. You don't have any right to do that. Who are you?

God said, "Whoever takes that body. That body was broken for you. You're taking it to represent that that body was broken for you. Not for somebody a hundred years ago or somebody a hundred years from now." If you don't get a hold of that then every time that you take that communion wafer or cracker you are part taking of it unworthily. You are not discerning the body. Not the blood. It does not say the blood. It says the body. I know that I'm harping on that. The reason that I am is because I know pretty much every church, every congregation of Christians somewhere at some point, participates in communion. So I'm hoping that if you don't get anything else at least the next time the have communion you'll remember this and you'll get and if you need healing then you'll get it. So if that's

the least you get, you'll get that.

Go to John 10:10 first. Then you can start looking for I John and kind of hang your place there and we'll be there in a minute.

Here's what you have to remember. Hear this and hear it very well. Get it deep into you. People that hear the word of God, and do not act upon what they hear, harden their own hearts. Not God. God's not hardening your heart. You're hardening your own heart.

Once you have hardened your heart, whatever teaching you've heard that you've have not acted upon and your heart is hardened, to soften that heart next time takes teaching stronger than the last teaching that you've heard.

Now if you've heard what I've been saying I consider it fairly hard teaching. You know straight forward is what I mean by hard. But even if you did say, "That's a hard saying," well that puts me in good company. Because Jesus said things that they said was a hard saying. What I want to ask you is if you're not going to act on what I teach, number 1 what are you doing here because I don't think this is one of those tickle your ear sermons, then when you leave you are going to be hardened. And the next time it's going to take harder teaching to soften you up and bring you back to God. If you're not going to act on the teaching I'm teaching, what kind of teaching is it going to take the next time for you to hear to soften your heart? It's going to take something stronger than what I'm saying. So you are going to have to find something stronger.

I remember telling my family when we watched David Hogan video tapes, after about a week or so, I asked them, "Now what are you doing with what you saw? What are you doing with what you heard him say on those tapes?" If you're not moving on it you are hardening. If you get hardened to teaching like David Hogan, what in the world is it going to take to soften you up? If there is harder teaching out there I haven't heard it. If you're not going to act on that then what hope is there that you will ever act on anything. If that doesn't get you to move, what will?

So I want you to think on that as we are teaching the rest of the services. I want you to remember that whatever you don't act upon it settles in your system, in your spirit, like bad cholesterol and it causes hardening of the heart. So you need to know that so that you can act.

See we wait for God to tell us to move. It's amazing the things that God tells us to move on supposedly are the things we want to do. I thought, "Now isn't that coincidental." We hardly ever do the things that He doesn't want us to do. "Oh that's not God." "How do you know?" "Because I don't feel the leading." No, your flesh is saying, "No." You're being led by the flesh not by the Spirit.

How do you know that you are being led by the Spirit? Usually when you do stuff that you don't want to do. I don't like to yell when I pray for people. But that's the main reason I have to yell when I pray for people. Because I come out of myself and do what I don't want to do to get that person free. In other words is what I'm tell God is, "I want them free more than I care about how I look, how I sound, what I want to do. I don't care."

I was in a town just outside of Dallas where I went to this church. This was strange. They gave me an office. They had never heard me preach. They had heard the name John G. Lake and obviously that opened the door there. So they put me in this little office because I needed an office in the city. Everything was going great. It was an awesome church. Awesome worship. I'm thinking, "This is wow. God opened these doors. It's neat." We go in there and they had heard about our correspondence course so they said, "Tell us about the Bible School. Come in on a Sunday night and tell about the Bible school and tell them that you are going to speak on Wednesday night. Wednesday night you'll just come in and preach."

I get up on that Sunday and it was before the preaching and I just told what was going on in Bible school things like that. Real simple. Then when the service was over I started to leave and some people said, "Brother Curry would you mind coming up. There's a little girl up there that has epilepsy. Would you mind coming up there and praying for her? We're all praying for her and would you come and join with us?" I told them, "Sure. I'd be glad to go up there."

When I got up there they are all gathered around her. When I came up they kind of all parted and I listened to what they are saying. And it's typical. You know I can't blame them because they haven't been taught. You can't blame people that don't know. It was typical kind of you know, "In the name of Jesus, Lord, help this little girl. Please, Lord, she needs help so she can be free."

Do you think you telling Him something that He doesn't know? He knows she needs to be free. The devil knows she needs to be free. He doesn't want her free. And as long as you're whining about it it's not going to do any good for the most part. When they got done I knew that the little girl didn't get delivered. It was spiritual discernment or whatever you want to call it. I don't care. To me I just knew the little girl wasn't free. I didn't want her leaving with a devil because that's what epilepsy is. Basically it's a devil that attaches itself to a person and does that to them.

So I asked them when they finished, "Would you mind if I did something real quick?" They said, "No. That would be OK."

For a split second there was this feeling, "You know you have to pray right because these people are listening to you." You have that moment where you feel like everybody is watching so you have to pray good. That took me about 5 seconds then I stopped. No this little girl needs to be free. Forget the eyes. Forget what they think about you. Forget that stuff. She needs to be free.

I was looking at the mother. The reason the mom brought her there was because the mother was divorced. Didn't know where the dad was. She had a couple other children. Really rough time with finances. They said that the littler girl was having 12 seizures a day. The woman couldn't work. She couldn't sleep because of the little girl. She had no money. They wanted to surgery on her brain to "Rewire" her. They weren't sure that she would even come through the surgery. Even if she they couldn't guarantee the thing. But the surgery was going to cost and astronomical amount of money. The mom didn't have any insurance. It was just hopeless.

She was crying and wanted her little girl healed. Her little girl was 11 or 12 years old.

So I walked up and had to shake that off of me for a minute. I just talked to her a little bit. Now just cause what I say it's not a doctrine. I just talked to her. I asked her if she knew Jesus. I was just talking to her to get to know her and relax her.

I said, "Now here's what I'm fixing to do. I'm fixing to pray for you. Now I'm going to start praying and I will be talking partly to God, partly to you, and partly to this thing that has been bothering you. Now when I talk to this thing that has been bothering you I may get loud. And if I do or if I yell or if I sound mean I'm not talking to you. So don't worry about it. I'm not yelling at you. It has nothing to do with you. It is something else. So don't worry about it. But when I get done you will be free and this won't ever happen to you again."

She said, "OK."

I started praying, "In the name of Jesus." I kind of went through, because of the crowd that was there, I kind of did what I do here. I pray to the Father first. "Father, I pray to You because I want the people to know who I'm connected with. Just like Jesus and Lazarus' tomb. Just to let them know who I represent so there is no question." Because the way that I pray is different so there may have been questions. I wanted to stop that before it ever got started because that's what usually happens.

I started praying and when I switched from God to this thing that was bothering her I started commanding, "In the name of Jesus, Satan and all of his works to depart from her and to never come back. I commanded it to go then." I got loud and I got pretty forceful. Then as you've seen here I clapped my hands real loud and then I put my hands on her. Now I didn't grab her and shake her and all this.

If you notice when I lay hands on people I do not push them at all. Now I may be moving toward them but as soon as I grab them my hands stop in place and arms will move to keep in place. I'm so against that, you wouldn't believe it.

People put hands on me and try to push me down. I'm not going down. If God wants me down He can put me down real quick. But I'm not going down just because somebody wants another chalk mark – got another one to go down – so my ministry is powerful.

So I grabbed the little girl and prayed for her. Bam. “Now receive!” Bam. Loud. Quit and backed up, took about 2 seconds and all of sudden she started crying. Well, I knew that she was free. Not because she cried. I knew she was free and she started crying. All of sudden everybody started talking. I said, “OK, that's it. Mother here's your child. She's free. Don't worry about the surgery. Don't have to do anything.”

So I leave, this was late Sunday night. Tuesday I was supposed to have lunch with the music minister and I go over to the church to meet with him. Now remember that I'm supposed to speak that Wednesday night. To preach, to kind of be myself and to minister. I go in there and said that I looking for this music minister. They said that he was back in the Pastor's office. They're waiting on you. I was thinking well maybe he's going to go with us.

Then as I started walking back there I started thinking something isn't right. This doesn't feel right. I feel like I'm being called to the principal's office. That's what's going on. So I go in there. Now they are not at the Pastor's desk but at the conference table. He doesn't chew you out at the desk he chews you out at the conference table. That way it keeps his holy desk sanctified.

He said, “Brother Curry, we appreciate your ministry. But our church here has certain personality. Your ministry the way that you do things just doesn't fit with the personality of this church. Now if you were to just tone down a bit. Now you know Benny Hinn was doing some of the wild stuff and the Assemblies said for him to calm down and brought him back on course and it hasn't effected his ministry.”

I said, “Well we don't know how it has effecting his ministry. That's not in yet so we don't know.”

He said, “Well, we're just saying if you can just calm down a little bit when you pray for people.” They knew I didn't run and scream when I was preaching. And that would have been acceptable but not when I'm praying. The devil does not care how you preach. But when you start praying is when he gets upset.

I was sitting there and he was saying, “So if you could just calm down a bit and come back over into this personality of the church.”

I looked at him and I knew at that moment this meant no more office. I had to make that decision. What is most important? I looked at him and said, “I tell you what. When you can get the same results praying for people the way you pray for them that I get by praying for them the way I pray for them, then I will pray for people the way you pray for them. Until then I'm going to pray for them the way I pray for them.”

You could tell that he kind of was thinking, “Well I'm not getting anywhere with this young upstart.” You could tell. So I figured that our lunch date was off. So we get up and I walk out of there and I turned around and said, “Now this is Tuesday and by the way have you heard anything about the little girl?”

“Oh, yes. Absolutely healed. No more seizures since that night.”

I looked at him and, glory to God, and think, “Doesn't that tell you anything? Come on wake up.”

I went and got my son and the church closed at 5PM. There was an out door offices in a separate building and I said, “OK here's the plan. They're going to open this church at 9:00 in the morning. My office will be absolutely bare.” They didn't tell me to leave but I said that I cannot agree with this and nobody is going to control me. No control, no strings attached. You want to do something to do for the ministry have at it. But if you say, “I'll do this if I can do that.” Forget it don't even go there. God's gifts, and if you are giving something from God's heart, there will be no strings attached. You either agree with the ministry or you don't. If you want change something go start your own ministry.

Now if you have a complaint about the way I do things talk to me. I'm open especially if you say something that I'm not scriptural in. Definitely come and talk to me. In fact you have a responsibility to come talk to me because I'm influencing a part of the body of Christ. If you know that I'm wrong you have a responsibility to protect the body of Christ. But come with scripture and come in context. That's all I ask.

Now I said that to say this. As you start doing this people will start coming against you. If you pick this up and do it. There will be people that come and say, "Well, we like this. We like your results but we just don't like your methods." Well, that's half-truth because really it's the devil speaking and they don't like either one. If they can change your methods they'll change your results.

My methods won't be your methods. All it does is to give you a way to start. Once you start then you won't be around me and you'll be doing it. Every now and then it'll change little bit to meet the needs of the people that you deal with and you'll find out different ways that work. Pretty soon I'll come back around and you'll be doing it totally different. And you'll not even notice that you've changed. You won't be able to notice it until we get back together and compare the differences. But then it will be your way. The way God works through you.

My way is not the only way that works. It's just that my works very well for me. And it works very well for anybody that will pick it up and go with it. Then you find out your own way as you go along. It's just to get you started it's not the end result. I don't have all of the answers. I know a good chunk of stuff as answers but I don't have all of the answers.

Once you start doing it you better believe that I will want to get in contact with you because I want to hear what you're finding out. You find out certain things, let's trade information. You sharpen me and I'll sharpen you. We work together. That's called the body of Christ. It's not supposed to be a one-man show. We're all in this together working side by side.

I get asked all of the time if they can come and work for me. You can't. You can come and work with me. But you don't work for me. If you work for me you'll mess me up. You work for God, we'll work together and things will go great. Everybody has their area of influence their responsibility. So just get busy and we'll get the job done.

Divine Healing and the Will of God

Go to John 10:10 first. What is God's will? We're going to be looking at what is God's will. I going to prove to you some things and I think you'll like this if you get a hold of it. This is one of those few messages that I think are extremely important.

Understanding that the word of God is your finale authority. This is one of them. That's an important one. If you don't have that everything else will fall apart.

What is God's will? John 10:10

"The thief cometh not but for to kill, and to steal, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Look at a child. You want to see life, look at a child. They run, play, jump, got energy levels that adults envy. You look back and think, "Man, I wish I had that kind of energy again."

Why are they like that? Because they are full of life. They have life and life abundant. You kids talking, playing, running, jumping never get tired. You tell them that they are going to the theme park the next day and they won't sleep all night. They'll lay there all night talking about it and ask is it time to go yet. You get up the next morning, you've tried to sleep, they haven't, and you get out to the park you're dragging along and they're bouncing off the walls at the theme park. They've got energy to spare. Life and life abundantly.

Jesus came for us to have life. Wheel chairs are not life. Hospital beds not life. When I say, "Think of pictures of life," you don't picture wheel chairs, operating rooms, oxygen masks, hospital beds. Those are not things that come to your mind.

There are people that have a fear of hospitals and doctors. To them those things represent death. Well it should represent death more than life because that's what comes out of that most of the time. Doctors mean well. They try and do their best. I have a respect for doctors. Anybody that studies for that many years only know that when they get done they're still not going to be able to help more than maybe 25-30% of their patients. Now that's determination. The church should have that much determination. So I'm not against doctors I'm just saying that doctors and hospitals don't represent life to the average person. We have to have life if we are going to be the church.

God's will, according to John 10:10 - now see if you follow the logic on this and if it doesn't hold up, let me know - God's will must be, based upon John 10:10, that every one might have life and have it more abundant. Would you agree? Kind of simple.

I John 3:8

“He that committeth sin is of the devil.”

Now that's a hard one for most people. They want to get into heaven with their sins. The Bible does not say, “Jesus is coming to save you in your sins.” It says that Jesus is coming to save you from your sins. From means “from.” You're in sin when He finds you, you don't stay there. You get out of it. Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. It's that simple.

“He that committeth sin is of the devil. For the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. For this purpose the son of God was manifested.”

That He might destroy the works of the devil. So we could say that God's will must be that the works of the devil be destroyed. Right? Simple logic, seems very simple.

Acts 10:38

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him.”

So, God's will must be that if God is with someone that they should be anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power and that they should go about doing good and healing all that are oppressed of the devil. Do you agree? Isn't it the same logic? If that's God's then it should be God's will for all.

See God doesn't have a separate will for different people. Not a general will but there are specifics that He will tell you. But over all God has one major will and that is that we all be conformed to the image of His son. That is his will.

It is amazing the nuggets that you would pick up by watching Dr. Sumeral deal with people. Two people came to him one time, they were homosexuals, and they were talking to him how God had made them and this was the way they were and that was it. They were trying to say that that was God's will for their life. They were trying to say, “If God made us this way then how can you be against it? How could God be against it?”

Dr. Sumeral said, “OK. In Genesis it says that everything is reproduced after it's own kind.”

They said, “Yes.”

He said, “You violate that law. Therefore what you do can't be of God.”

Isn't that simple?

They said, “What do you mean?”

He said, “Let me put it this way. If all of the roosters were like you we wouldn't have any eggs tomorrow. If all of the pigs were like you we wouldn't have any bacon tomorrow. So what you're doing doesn't reproduce so it can't be of God. Whatever God does is to

reproduce. Life reproduces. If an entire generation were like you, after one generation the human race would be gone. So what you do can't be of God."

You know that is just pretty simple logic. That doesn't go into all of the theological debates and all this kind of stuff and arguing over words and what this means. You just can't go against that kind of logic.

III John 2

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper, be in health, even as thy soul prospers."

So God's will must be that we prosper and be in health as our soul prospers. Right, isn't that what it says? There it is. That's where we mess up. We want to prosper and that's it. We want to be in health and that's it. But it is as your soul prospers. If you prosper faster than your soul prospers then the Bible says, "Whenever a fool gets wealth it destroys him." So your soul has to prosper in the things of God.

God give wealth for one reason. Deuteronomy 8:18, "That He may establish His covenant on the Earth." That's why he gives prosperity.

If God has blessed you with prosperity it is so that you can help establish His covenant on the earth. It is not so you can hoard it up and say, "Look at me. I can prove I have faith by how much money I've got." No that means usually how much time you spend away from family and how much time you stay working. For the most part anyway.

Before you can be in health you have to do what? Be healed. So healing must be in God's will for that to be true.

Matthew 6:9 "After this manner, therefore pray ye, 'Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is done in heaven.'"

God's will must be "that His will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Dr. Lake had a vision one time where he went to heaven. He saw an angel and asked the angel, "What's going on here?" The angel said, "God's will is being done."

Lake said, "Why don't I see any wheel chairs?"

He said, "I just told you. God's will is being done."

"Why don't I see people on crutches?"

"I told you. God's will is being done."

When God's will is being done you won't see any wheel chairs and crutches and canes and all of these things. You won't see them. Not whenever His full will is being done. His will is that you "Prosper, have life and life abundant."

So God's will must be that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving you own selves."

So God's will must be that we be doers of the word and not just hearers. Right, must be? Pretty simple stuff.

Now you will notice in this verse there are no qualifications to which "Word" that you are supposed to obey and which "Word" you're to ignore. If you believe the predominant teaching on being led by the Spirit a certain way then you would have to conclude that there are times when God wants you to ignore some scriptures. Like when you walk past a sick person.

The Bible says, "Whenever you lay hands on the sick person." "No, I don't want you to do that." No, you need to cast that spirit out! That's not the Spirit of God.

You will say, "God, what do you want me to do in this situation?" He'll say, "Think of a scripture." "What scripture is that?" "Lay hands on the sick and they will recover." "OK that's what I'll do."

He's not going to tell you not to do it. Now if He does tell you not to He's going to tell you why not too. For the most part that will never happen but if it does you'll know when it happens and why. But don't expect it. I've seen to many people expecting it and they don't ever lay hands on people because they think, "How do I know if I should. I'm not sure." Just lay hands on them.

You say, "What if God doesn't want me to?" I'm sure that He is going to strike you down for obeying a scripture, doing good for someone, as opposed to disobeying a scripture.

See we have it turned around. We would rather disobey a scripture because we think that He is going to smite us somehow rather than obey pure scripture and do exactly what He said. Even if it wasn't His will the worst that He could do is say, "Hey. You were energetic. You were zealous. I can appreciate that. You were trying to help people." At worst that's what could happen.

So what is God's will? Matthew 22:35

"Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting Him and saying, 'Master which is the great commandment in the law.' Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

That's it. He said, "You do this. You will fulfill all the law and the prophets."

Love you neighbor as yourself. Love God with all of your heart. It's so simple.

Notice that He doesn't say anything here about being led. He just said, "Love your neighbor." He assumes that if you are loving your neighbor and loving God with all your heart, you are going to be led. It is an automatic assumption. You can't love without being led.

When you love some one, you're being led. You just don't know it. You think well I didn't feel anything whenever I was extending love to them. Who says you're supposed to feel anything? That's something that you have made up. That's not Bible.

I was praying one time, going down the road in this little car that I had, praying. Boy, I was serious God. "I want the gift of healing, God. Give me the gift of healing God. You know trying to convince God how serious I was." It was like He was riding in the back seat. He said, "What do you want? The gift of feeling or the gift of healing?"

I said, "I want the gift of healing."

He said, "Well, how do you know that you don't already have it?"

"Well, because I don't feel it."

He started asking me, "Have you ever had the gift of healing?"

"No."

"Then how do you know what it's supposed to feel like when it comes? How would you know if you have never had it? How do you know when it comes if that's what it's supposed to feel like?"

If you go to a doctor, they put you under and you are going to have a surgery. They cut you open, do whatever they want to do, sew you back up, the next day you don't even know that you have been operated on until when you wake up and try to move. Then you remember that right got operated on. You didn't know it when it happened. You knew afterwards. How did you know it afterwards? Cause of the pain that they caused. What they did had

nothing to do with the pain you're feeling. That's how they got in you. The work was done without the pain. If they could get into you without cutting into you there would be no pain involved.

Now don't you think that if God made your body that He could do at least as good as the doctors? He could heal you without cutting you open. So there shouldn't be any pain. So there shouldn't be any feeling. He could get into to you and heal you and you not even know it. Wouldn't that be much better than going into you and you feeling something? Well you wanted to feel something. You wanted feeling, doing something inside of you. It's much better that He can do it without feeling. Without you feeling anything. Because then you get to walk by faith.

If you feel something you don't get to walk by faith. It's too late for faith once you feel something. Faith doesn't have a feeling. Moving right along. That doesn't go over very good. It never does. Because people want feelings.

So what is God's will? Matthew 7:12

"Therefore, all things whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them. For this is the Law and the Prophets."

Pretty simple. Then why aren't you already doing it? We call it the Golden Rule. You've heard it since you were a little kid. "The Golden Rule – Do unto others."

Then you get a little older you get a little cynical and you change it to say, "Yes, do unto others before they do unto you." Has a little different intention I think.

Why is it called the Golden Rule? Two reasons.

1. The people that do that are as precious to God as fine gold.
2. The people that do that are as rare as fine gold.

Have you ever wonder why they call that the Golden Rule? It's not in the Bible. It's not called that in the Bible. But that's why.

If you were sick and someone had the power of God in their life to heal you would you want them to come to you and minister healing to you? Better watch what you say.

Anyone who will answer honestly would have to say that they would, in your answer is your commission to a healing ministry. That's it. You don't need hands laid on you. You don't need an ordination service. You don't need any of that stuff. You don't need a feeling, a gifting. You don't need anything

He does not say, "And when I give you the gift of healing lay hands on the sick." He said, "Lay hands on the sick." Guess what, when you do that then whatever gift you need will show up. That's the way that He does it.

In the Greek New Testament there are 2 primary words translated into English, in the King James Version, as the word "Word." Some of you probably already know this but I hope that I can show you something a little bit different light on it.

One of these words for "Word" is number 3056 out of the Strong's Concordance and Thayer's is the Greek word Logos. It comes from number 3004 and it means this.

"It is something said, including the thought and the intention of it. (The thought and whole idea of it.) It is by implication a topic concerning that subject or a discourse or a subject."

If I was going to say a *Logos*, I'm not just talking about a sentence. I'm talking about the complete understanding of that thing.

If I said, "Do you understand electricity?" Well, if that means to you to turn on a light switch that wouldn't be a good definition. But if you say that you have a working knowledge of it. I understand the principles of electricity. Then you have the *Logos* of electricity. You have a general understanding.

It also includes:

“The reasoning, the mental faculty, or the motive by extension, a computation.”

In other words, you figured it out. You put 2 and 2 together. You’ve searched it out. You understand it.

The other is the number 4487 and it is the Greek word “*Rhema*.” It comes from the Greek word number 4483.

Now this is taken straight from Thayer’s. I just want you to know that I’m not making this up. I’m not a Greek scholar. Don’t pretend to be. But I can read a Concordance and I can get the information that I need and I can glean from Greek scholars that do know what they are talking about. Which is good. I don’t have to re-invent the wheel. I can glean from them and go on.

Number 4487 means:

“An utterance, by implication it is a complete matter or topic. Especially a narration, a command or dispute.”

And as you can tell from those two definitions there is practically no difference between the two words “*Logos*” and “*Rhema*.” Literally. And from any good Greek scholar, you follow it through.

I know some of you are probably saying, “Now wait a minute.” Because I know you’ve had teaching on this. Basically the way the doctrine is taught today is that you’re waiting, you’re studying, you’re being diligent, but you’re waiting for God in heaven to speak a word – what we would call a *Rhema* Word – that comes to you, that gives you this special word that tells you to go and do something that is already in the Bible. A special word. I’m supposed to go and pray for this person. You take that that as “*Rhema*.”

How do I know whom I’m supposed to pray for? “Well God will give you a “*Rhema*” word and tell you when you are at Wal-mart, ‘Pray for this one’. As soon as you pray for that one, it’s over with, you can go do whatever you want.” They say that’s a “*Rhema*” word. It’s a special word sent to you by God, spoken at that moment, sent into your spirit to give direction.

Am I saying that that is not God doesn’t do that? I’m not saying that He does not give you special directions. That happens all of the time, very often. But the very nature of special directions is that they are “special.” They are not the daily leading. They are not the norm. They are not meant to be the norm. Never were meant to be the norm. They are “Special.”

Whenever you are going to miss something, He gives a “Special” word to direct you.

Are you to wait for that “Special” word? No. There is no command in scripture to wait for a “Special” direction to do anything. The Bible tells us in James 1:22

“Be ye therefore doers of the word.”

What word? That word there is the Greek word “*Logos*”. It is not “*Rhema*.” So if He was going to say, “Now be ye doers of the *Rhema*. Don’t act on the *Logos* but act on the *Rhema* that I give you. Wait for a special leading.” Right there would have been a perfect time for Him to say it. They had two choices: *Logos* or *Rhema*. But He didn’t say it and the fact that they chose the Greek word *Logos* specifically meant that they purposely did not choose *Rhema*.

So when He says, “Be ye therefore doers of the *Logos*.” He’s saying, “Get an understanding of the Word, in any one topic, and do that Word.” If you have an understanding of the principles of healing that God has given in his Word then you do those principles and you work them. You don’t have to wait for a special leading. There is nowhere that tells you to. Nowhere does it ever say, “Wait for a leading before you do anything.” “

I can’t do anything except for the Lord lead me.” That’s garbage. That is pure garbage.

Matter of fact it is impure garbage.

In today's Christianity we have a teaching that is infected virtually every aspect of the Christian life and Doctrine. I just kind of told you what that teaching is. So when I use that word "Infected" can you see kind of how I feel about that?

We have had Bible teachers tell us that the word "*Rhema*" means, "a special divine impartation or leading." **They have said that a *Rhema* word from God was necessary before you could act on a scripture.** That's what they tell you. "You can't act on it until God gives you that "*Rhema*" word." They may not tell you that in so many words but that's what it comes down to. Some times they do tell you that. **They have taught that you do not have to obey or perform every scripture, just those scriptures that the Holy Spirit quickens to you.**

Now whenever I say this there is a scripture that comes back to my mind that when Jesus said that the greatest in the Kingdom is he that teaches these things and obeys them. Those that are least in the Kingdom are those that teach anyone to disobey even one of these scriptures. So if you start telling people, "No don't act on a scripture." You know what? You just relegated yourself to a place of being the least in the Kingdom of God. Forget it. Forget doing anything great, can't do it.

You have to have ambition in the Kingdom of God to do the works of God. To go after God. For His glory and not for yours. Nothing wrong with that.

Do you realize the biggest section of the Christian church has believed a lie that has come in through far eastern philosophy? Every bit of it. The church is infected with it. We have totally accepted it. This idea of: all roads lead to heaven; it's just a different viewpoint; everybody get along; let's have unity.

Oh, unity, unity, I hear it everywhere I go. "We're trying to get everybody together so we can pray so we can have revival. You don't have to have unity for revival. Matter of fact if you have revival the first thing that you're not going to have is unity. That's the first thing that goes in revival is unity. Because you are going to have detractors from the "Christian Church." They are going to come against you.

Jesus said, "You think that I came to bring peace. I didn't come to bring peace not to the world. I came to bring a sword. I'm going to divide."

You start preaching like that you're a heretic.

"Forget it, we want unity, brother." Yes, well unity is good if it is based upon principle. The principle of the Word of God. Unity around the Word of God is good.

But most people take unity and do you know how they spell it? "C-O-M-P-R-O-M-I-S-E" Unity is not compromise. **Anything that you compromise to win and to keep you will loose.** That's a fact. You make stand, you refuse to compromise, you stand on the Word of God, what it says, and I don't care who you fight. You fight everybody from the Pope down in any denomination. They have Popes in every denomination.

Unity will come by principle. You stand and let people line up with you that are standing on the same principle. It doesn't take a whole bunch of people to win city. It only takes a few people that are committed. You're not going to get everybody in unity anyway. Just because the fact that you get together in some ministerial association or anything else, you're not in one accord. You get different denominations praying for revival every one of them is praying for a different type of revival. You're not in one accord. You're not all praying for "Revival", not the Bible type of revival. You all have your own opinion.

Whenever they picture it in their own heads, they are picturing a platform in the middle of the city in a park. They are picturing revival and God coming down and whatever happens and they picture that pulpit on the platform. Who do you think they are picturing behind that platform? Them. They picture their church as the main one getting flooded with people.

See it's selfish. That's what they are doing. When they say, "Revival." What they are really saying is, "Lord, pack out my church." That's what they are really saying.

See revival doesn't just come in. It just doesn't float in like a cloud. "Well, we're just waiting for the cloud." **Revival happens. You plant the seed of revival it will grow.** Charles Finney, read his stuff. You want revival in your city? Read Finney and then preach his sermons. I don't care if you have to have the book right in your pulpit with you. Preach it right out of his book. You will have revival. Finney said that revival is more a miracle than planting a seed of wheat and watching it grow into a harvest was a miracle. Now on a certain level that is a miracle obviously. But he said you plant the right seed you'll get the right harvest. You preach healing and you'll get healing. You preach revival and you'll get revival.

We make revival it's own entity. It's not. Revival in itself happens whenever Christians begin to do the Word of God. You start doing the Word of God you'll start impacting your city. You impact your city with Christ, revival breaks out.

Then everybody says, "Wow, that must have been the sovereign move of God."

No, the sovereign move of God was whenever He said, "Reach your city." That's what the sovereign move of God was.

Back on to the *Rhema* thing. They have taught you that you do not have to obey or perform every scripture just those that the Holy Spirit quickens to you. These "teachers" must have received a "*Rhema*" word from God concerning this thing. It had to be a special word from God because it is not in the Bible. But yet they make this and build this entire doctrine off of one word. Then they even build it off of a wrong definition of that word. It's wrong because you can't find it in any good Greek dictionary.

There has been much said about the difference between the two words, Logos and *Rhema*, and I have an article reproduced from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words. All I did was take out of his dictionary exactly what it said about *Rhema*. So I want to tell right now how to get a *Rhema*. This is it if you want to get a *Rhema*.

"The significance of *Rhema* as distinct from *Logos* is exemplified in the injunction in Ephesians 6:17 to take the sword of the Spirit which is the word (*Rhema*) of God. You take the sword of the Spirit, which is the *Rhema* of God."

Here the reference is not to the whole Bible. See like I told you this is not your sword (his Bible). Your sword is this (Bible) put in here (self, Heart and Mouth). Why because then it is *Rhema*. Now let me show you how it works.

"It is not the reference to the whole bible but it is reference of the individual scripture that the Holy Spirit quickens, or brings to your remembrance for use in a time of need."

You get into a situation and a scripture comes up out of your spirit. That's a "*Rhema*." That's it. But before you can have that first you have to have a regular storing of the Word in your mind and heart.

Your mind's a computer there and the Holy Spirit works on it. He says, "Look for that scripture. Pull it out and remind them."

You walk past a sick person. "Go lay hands on the sick and they'll recover." That's leading. If you remember when you walk past a sick person, that's a *Rhema*. God says, "Let's see how obedient they are."

The devil is there saying, "These people, they're not going to do it." Then as soon as you don't do it then you get into condemnation. You feel really bad because you didn't do it. And as soon as you feel really bad, you'll have 16 people coming in front of you in wheel chairs, because know that you've already messed up, and you feel like then that God can't use you. Then Satan will try to rub your nose in it. He'll bring every sick person in town right in front of you. And they'll look at you real pitiful. You can almost hear them, "You could've helped me but you can't now. You've sinned."

So you have not go through that. Do it right the first time. Reach out and touch somebody. It's real simple.

It's not you that heals them anyway. How much have you got lose? You can't do it but you have to put your hand on them. You let God do it. It's amazing. It's real simple.

Jesus talks about 3 different types of soils. He talks about being good soil. How the seed got into good soil and produces much fruit. Now, what kind of soil are you? Are you good soil? Are you hardened soil? Are you shallow soil?

What kind of soil are you? You better be good soil. That's the only kind that produces and that's the only kind that is going to get blessed. So if you're good soil and you are not producing a harvest, then what you are saying is that you did not have good seed. Well now that can't be true because the Bible, good seed, says that we are born not of corruptible seed but incorruptible seed, which is the Word of God. So the Word of God is good seed.

Let me ask you. You put good seed in good soil what are you going to get? A good harvest. Amen? How can you miss? You just said that you're good soil. We got good seed. You're not going to find any better seed. The problem isn't in the seed. If there is any problem it is in the soil.

Isn't that what it said in Mark 4? The whole thing was about the types of soils. **So if you are saying that you are good soil, prove it! Produce good harvests.** You've got good seed, incorruptible seed.

Peter knew what He was talking about. He said, "We're not born of corruptible seed but incorruptible seed." **There are no mutants in the Kingdom of God!** No genetic mutations. Every seed reproduces after itself, after it's own kind.

It is the seed of God born in you. Why? To conform you into the image of His Son. It will produce that harvest if it is in good soil. You determine that soil. God hasn't determined your soil. Good soil, good seed, good harvest, good works all go together. Real simple.

The stuff I'm teaching you is not real deep. It is very simple but don't let that fool you. But it is extremely profound and it works. If it didn't work you wouldn't be here. That's just that simple.

I'm not telling you stuff I've just come up with. I'm telling you stuff that is proven in my life. I refuse to preach theory. Why preach theory when you have got good stuff that you have already done. You've proven it. Preach what you know not what you think.

I don't care what you think and you shouldn't care what I think. All that you should care about is the Word of God and is it accurate. That's it.

Mark 4:14 "The sower soweth the word." That word "Word" there is the Greek word *Logos* (3056). So the word that the sower is sowing that Jesus said was the Word of God and it is the good seed is *Logos* not *Rhema*. So it's *Logos* that brings forth good fruit not *Rhema*. You are going to see that everything has to do with *Logos* not *Rhema*.

It's amazing. We have totally twisted this thing around.

Mark 16:20 "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following."

Guess what "Word" He was confirming? *Logos*. He wasn't confirming *Rhema*. Right there it would have said *Rhema*. Other words if you are only supposed to act on the *Rhema* of God, right there would have been a perfect time for Him to say, "God only confirms *Rhema*. He's only going to show up and work miracles and heal the sick whenever you act on a *Rhema*."

But they weren't acting on a *Rhema*. They were doing *Logos*. They were preaching *Logos*. They were preaching the council of God. Not a special word, a special leading. They were preaching the solid word of God that you can get right out of your Bible. That's what they were preaching. That's what God was confirming.

This ought to be real exciting to you because this take all of the mystical, iffy ness out of it. It puts it right down to the rock solid bottom of it. People tell me, "I want to know what I can do. Tell me what to do and I'll do it. I just don't know what to do." This tells you right

here.

I'll tell you how to get a *Rhema*. I'll tell you how to act on a *Rhema*. I'll tell you how to work it. Watch this.

Luke 11:28. Remember here the woman said, "Blessed is the mother that bore you, that gave you suck when you were little?" He answered back, "Yea rather." Instead of her blessed, let me tell you who is blessed. Blessed are they that they hear the Word of God and keep it. Obey it and do it. Those are blessed. "Blessed are those that hear the Word and do it."

Guess what Word? *Logos*. Blessed are those that hear the *Logos* and do it. Not hear the *Rhema*. Why didn't He use *Rhema*? Because that isn't what it is talking about.

He says, "Blessed are you that hear the Word of God preached." Straight out, Word of God, here it is. I can point my finger to it today. I can come back to it tomorrow and do it again. It's not "if."

"Today I have a feeling. Well I think I'm getting a *Rhema*." Tomorrow, "I guess that wasn't a *Rhema*. It was that pizza."

See you have to tell the difference between *Rhema* and pizza.

Roman 10:17 – This is a big one. The one everybody uses.

"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

That word there is the word *Rhema*.

Faith comes by hearing. And you have to hear a special word from God and that's where faith comes from. Wrong!

How does faith come by hearing and hearing by the *Rhema* of God if it's not a special word? Let me tell you this. *Rhema* is taking the *Logos* of God and doing it. You take *Logos* plus action equals *Rhema*. That's what *Rhema* is. *Rhema* is *Logos* that you have acted upon. *Rhema* is *Logos* that you have proven.

Remember what David told Saul? Saul said, "Here take my armor, and take my sword." Go out there and kill Goliath with it.

David said, "No I haven't proved your sword."

Well Saul had proven his sword. He knew it. He was a warrior. But David said that he hadn't proven the sword. Second hand revelation. That will kill you.

You try to live off another man's revelation, it will kill you. You have to get it for yourself. You get in the Bible, you study it out, you convince yourself that that's what it says and that's what it means.

Don't listen to some preacher. Don't even listen to me and just take what I say. "It must be. That's why he said it." That's why you're messed up now. Because you just believed people that said all kinds of things to you.

Find out what the Word of God says. He that doeth the will shall know the doctrine. That's what Jesus said.

Now that's the opposite of what we think. We think, "He that knoweth the doctrine shall know the will." That isn't what Jesus said. If you do the will, if you're doing the will of God, you'll know which doctrine is true. You won't be blown from side to side. You won't be double minded.

You'll say, "No that's not right. Because I've proven this. I'm doing the will of God. I'm going forward."

Rhema is nothing but *Logos* that you do.

James 1:22 – “Be ye doers of the Word, not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

That word there is number 3056. It's *Logos*. Be doers of the Word, *Logos*. You do the *Logos*. Don't do the *Rhema*. A *Rhema* word is any *Logos*, that word that you act upon.

When you read a scripture you're reading *Logos*. But when you remember that scripture and act upon it, in any situation, it is *Rhema*. If you want more *Rhema*, start acting on more *Logos*. It's that simple

When you eat food, you don't want food, you want energy. You take food. You eat it and it becomes energy. You take *Logos*, you do it, and it becomes *Rhema*. Same thing.

John 3:16 / John 10:10 – “You confess the Lord Jesus Christ and you'll be saved.”

“You do this and you'll be saved. Act on this right now. Just do it.”

We don't tell them, “Now wait.”

“God, speak to them now. Tell them to act on Romans 10:10.”

“Don't do it until God tells you to.”

Hypocrite. Why did you tell them to do that then but yet you don't do it any other time? Is it because it's more convenient for you not to do it? It isn't convenient for that person in that wheel chair. Why won't you be convenient for them? Why don't you be instant in season and out for them? Why don't you always be ready to give an answer to any man that asks you for that person?

That person looks at you and says, “Don't you go over to that church over there that believes in healing? Well, what's the story there?”

“God can heal.”

“Will He heal me?”

“Who knows?”

Well, if you don't know, keep your mouth shut. We've got too many people that don't know and they are talking any way. That's what Wigglesworth said. He said, “The worst thing a preacher can do is to go on talking after he's finished saying anything.”

We have to realize that. If you don't know the will of God, shut your mouth. You're going to confuse people. The will of God is easy to find out. It's simple.

Matthew 7:24 – “Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock.”

Now listen to what He is saying. “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings.” That word “Sayings” there is *Logos*. “Whoever therefore hears this *Logos* of mine and does them.” The *Logos* not the *Rhema*. Does the *Logos*. Hears these sayings and does them.

“I will like him unto a wise man.” You want to be smart? Do the Word of God.

“Which built his house upon a rock; and rains descended, and the floods came, the winds blew, and beat upon that house and fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not.”

Now He just likened one side now He's turning to the other side.

“If you heareth these sayings and don't do them.”

Same *Logos*. If you don't act on the *Logos*. If you don't act on this right here, in context, when you do that, here's what He said. “and doeth them not; they shall be likened unto a foolish man.” Want to be a fool? Ignore the Word of God. “Which built his house upon

the sand; the rains descended, floods came, winds blew, and beat upon that house and it fell; and great was the fall of it.”

In other words, it isn't going to be just a little fall it's going to fall big.

What is the purpose of the meaning of this story? Obviously it is to convince us to hear, or read, what Jesus has said and is saying, and do what He has said. Not just hear it. The more you hear the more you responsible you've become. The worst thing you can do is this. If you know that you are not going to act upon the word that some preacher is saying, even if it's scripture, the best thing you can do is stay home. Because the more you hear the more condemnation, the more judgment you bring upon yourself. Because of the more responsibility, because of the more knowledge that you have. Knowledge is responsibility.

The only difference between the wise man and fool is that one did what he heard and one didn't. There is no other difference. None what so ever. There is absolutely no indication that any further leading by the Holy Spirit, or revelation, is necessary for one to be responsible to do what they have heard from the scriptures.

Show me in those parables where Jesus said, “He that heareth these sayings and doeth them, as he's led, I will liken him as to a wise man.” It's not there. We've read that in to it. We've put that into it by our religious blinders to where we get to a point where we don't do anything. We have brought ourselves into this “Paralysis by analysis.”

We've brought it to the point where we've paralyzed ourselves just because we've tried to pick things apart and figure out why and all these kinds of things. Just do the Word of God.

And you don't do anything at all because you don't want to do anything wrong. That's the worst wrong thing you can do. God can take your biggest mistake and turn it for good. Isn't that what the Bible tells us? Romans 8:28? He can turn it for good. Your biggest wrong that you can do

But what He can't do is take your inactivity and turn it into something. He can't take it from nothing into something. He has to take something and work with it.

Everything that's making something from nothing has been done. It's over with. He did that in the beginning.

Now He takes things and changes them for good. Go make a mistake for God. At least you're doing something. He'll take that and turn it for good. So the very worst your mistake is going to be turned for good. So you want to do some good? Go out and do something. But don't do nothing. That is the worst that you can do. Then you are not even trying to help. You're not even trying. That shows heart not action. Remember, God judges your actions by your intensions. So if you have in-action, guess what? That means “no intension.” That's bad.

It is always God's will for us to apply, by doing, a scripture to a situation that the scripture can be applied always. If you know a scripture that can be applied to a situation it is God's will that you apply that scripture to that situation and you apply it to the situation by doing it. That's how you apply it. It's by doing it.

If Jesus is the full expression of God then why did he never, not once, put sickness on even one person? Jesus was the full expression of God. He didn't leave anything undone to show us God. So if he did not ever leave sickness on a person or put sickness on a person then that is not God's will because Jesus did not reveal it to us. If he is the expression of God, to be the full expression he would have had to at some point do that at least once if that was in God. But the fact that he didn't proves that it's not.

The only other thing is that Jesus was not the full expression of God. We know that is not true because scriptures clearly tell us that he is.

Why did he always remove sickness and disease rather than put it on anyone? Jesus had healing services everyday. He had ample opportunity to show us people that he left it on. He could have easily done it.

Anytime that he mentioned the cause of sickness or disease he always attributed it to Satan.

Anytime it had been left on any one he always attributed it to unbelief or to traditions of men.

No one really questions whether or not God can heal. Even atheists will admit that if there is a God, of course he would have to be able to heal or else he wouldn't be much of a God. Even an atheist will say that. "Well if there was one he would have to be able to heal."

Actually Christians are the biggest example that atheists hold up to prove that there is no God. That's sad. Some atheists are actually one up on some Christians in this respect. The doubt comes in when God's willingness to heal is brought up. Anytime the topic of God's willingness to heal came up Jesus always said the same thing. "I will." Every time.

You know if I had no money and my son said, "Dad, I need \$10." Then I said, "I just don't have it." Then he turned around and started to walk off and said, "You what, Dad? I know that if you had it I know that you would give it to me." Then I would say, "He knows me. He knows my heart." But if he turned around and said, "You know, Dad, even if you had it I'm not too sure that you would give it to me." That would hurt more than anything else. For him to come in and say, "Dad, now I don't think you are going to do this but I have to ask anyway. I know that you could but will you?"

For a father that is the worst thing. "Boy, where have you been? Haven't I proved that I love you?" But that's what you do to your heavenly Father every time that you say, "Well God we know that you can. We're just not sure that you will." That's worse. At least take some of it off and say, "God we're not too sure that you can. We knew you could. We know you will but we're not too sure you can. So we're not really asking for much."

At least God would say, "That doesn't hurt me as bad as you saying 'I know you can but I don't think you will.'" You don't understand what that does. That goes way further than just a flippant little statement because you're trying to cover you own rear end because you have got enough faith to get help for people. Which is what you're using it for and you're making God the whipping boy instead of you just own up to it and saying, "Look, I'm sorry. I just don't have it."

"I can go get it but I haven't got it now." That's what you need to do. Just be honest. That's why the church is in the shape that it's in. We make excuses and try to cover ourselves and put the blame on God.

Remember this – any man, any minister especially, that ever stands before you and tells you that God sent him. He will always say the same thing Moses said.

Whenever Moses said, "God I'm going over to the Israelites and I'm going over to the Egyptians and they are going to say, "Who sent you?" What did God say? "You tell them 'I am' sent you."

Any person sent by God that stands before you at anytime and says, "God has sent me here to you." You better ask him, "Who sent you." If he says, "The God who was, who used to do it, sent me." Don't listen to him.

Or if he says, "The God who is going to do it some day sent me." Don't listen to him. He has to say the same thing Moses said. The God who is, the I am. I am the healer." Not, "I'm going to be your healer." Not, "I was your healer."

Any man sent by God will always say, "I am sent me. I am your healer. I am your deliverer." Not, "I'm going to be your deliverer." Not, "I was a deliverer. Not right now." Whenever they start saying, "Not right now," they're not sent from God. I don't care who they are. I don't care how many degrees they have. I don't care what school they go to. I don't care what denomination. I'm telling you, God's man will always say, "I am has sent me." That's it. Bottom line.

Is healing always God's will?

Matthew 8:2 – "And behold there came a leper and worshipped him saying, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean." And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him saying, "I will. Be thou clean." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Now I need to say this. When we say, "Will," "I will do this," we can mean it one of two ways. We can mean it in a sense of, "I will to do it." In other words, "I desire. I want to do it." Or we can say, "I will do it," in the sense that "I'll do it even though I don't want to."

When you really get down to it whatever you do is what you will to do. If you will not to do it you won't do it. So it's real simple. We've made it hard.

So when Jesus said, "I will." What he was actually saying was not, "OK I'll do. We'll see. I don't care." He was actually saying, "I desire to do it. This is my will to do this thing."

Do you think you are going to force Jesus to something he didn't want to do? No way. You aren't going to force him.

Same verse in NAS – "And behold a leper came to him and bowed down to him saying, "Lord, if you are willing you can make me clean."

Now that's actually a better translation in this verse. "If you're willing you can make me clean. And he stretched out his hand and touched him saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

In the NIV – "A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you're willing you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I'm willing," he said, "Be clean." And immediately he was cured of his leprosy."

Almost every translation translates this verse to say, "Jesus, if you're willing." Not Jesus, if you do it."

That's the way we do it. Jesus if you will you can do this.

He was saying, "If you're willing." Every translation shows that.

Then Jesus put out his hand and said, "I willing. Be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

The NLT says, "I want to." Now that's God, "I want to."

In Strong's Concordance the Greek word translated into "I will" is the Greek word Number 2309 and this is straight out of the Greek New Testament. This is what it says. If any man tells you different, he's wrong. It's just that simple.

Strong's Number 2309 "*thelo*" means: "To determine as an active option from impulse." In other words he is deciding, choosing to use this and choosing to say, "I'll do it," as opposed to just saying, "OK. Whatever." He's saying, "I'm choosing, I'm determining to do this." Now that's good. That shows the will of God and the heart of God.

If he had chosen the word number 1014 it would show that he was just passive in saying, "OK, whatever we do."

There was a choice of words and he chose this one. It means: "To choose or prefer," by implication it means "to be inclined to; to do gladly; to be about to do; delight in." It shows a disposition of the nature. He's saying, "I'm doing this because this is what I'm made up of. When I do this I'm showing you my heart." That's what he's saying.

It is in a continuous sense. It is not, "I'm doing it for one time." He's saying, "Not only am I willing and I want to do this, but I always want to do it."

These so called scholars they turn around and say that healing is not for today they haven't even read there own dictionaries.

It says, "showing a disposition of the nature and is in a continuous sense and can be translated "I am always willing." It means: "To desire, to be disposed toward, to intend, to will, to have in mind, to intend, to be resolved or determined, to purpose, to wish, to love to do a thing, to like to do a thing, to be fond of doing it, to take delight in it and to have pleasure in it."

That's pretty strong. There's no "if" in there. It is God's will to heal. To choose this word Number 2309 rather than 1014 shows the purposeful intent and determination, rather than just saying "whatever happens will happen."

That's different than the Doris Day Gospel. "Whatever will be will be." "God whatever happens will happen. We don't care. We're just going to be here."

Jesus was not saying, "I'll just do it." He was saying, "I'll always do it because it is my nature and my intense longing and desire to do it for you forever."

You can't get any more solid than that. Is it God's will to heal? You bet, absolutely it's scriptural. I don't know how to tell it to you any stronger. This one segment should prove it to you.

Does any one ever get healed? Of course. We see it all of the times in our meetings. Does everyone get healed? It always comes. It always comes. Sometimes it comes instantly sometimes it has to grow out of you.

Now you say, "Why?" It's Romans 12 and Ephesians 3:20 and we'll get into to it later. But that's why. Read those and you will see people lay hands on people and they get healed and sometimes why it doesn't appear that they don't get healed. Why you don't see it instantly. Why sometimes it comes instant and why sometimes it takes a while. I'll give you a quote from Dr. Lake. "Healing is based on two things. The amount of faith involved and the amount of virtue, power of God, ministered at the same time.

It is like taking two elements and causing a spiritual chemical reaction. Faith and the power of God and the faith in God causes healing. You say, "Now wait a minute. Where's God in this? Where's the sovereignty of God in this?" The sovereignty of God was in him giving us the Word and making the power available. That's the sovereignty of God.

What most people think the sovereignty of God is, is not the fickleness of God. We say "sovereignty" and what we really mean sometimes is "God is fickle." The sovereignty of God knew ahead of time that this night was going to come and that we were going to take His Word and stand on it. God being that smart, and knowing ahead of time, would have known better than to put the words in the scriptures that would allow us to do that. But the fact that He gave us those words and the power to do it proves that He is for us doing it.

Father, I thank you in Jesus' name. I thank you for your Word. I thank you for your Spirit. And in the name of Jesus I thank you for confirming your word. Now Lord these people need your touch. Not my touch, your touch. They need what you have provided for them to become real in their life. Lord, I have tried to prove from the scriptures and from the actual languages that it is your will. So Father, to prove that it is your will, to back up the word, to confirm the word that was preached, now we need all pain to leave. We need absolute healing. Father these are people that they have to have this. This is not an "if." This is not "We're going to try you." We have to have this. So Lord right now I'm praying that because of the blood of Jesus and because of his name and faith in his name.

We read in the scriptures that that's what healed the man at the gate beautiful. Lord, for your glory, Lord, right now we speak, we send the Word. Just as you did and we send the Word of healing.

Father, these people have heard healing. I know, at least with some of them, in a way they have never heard it before.

Father, I believe with all my heart that it is your work. Father, if I didn't I wouldn't be standing up against some of the flack that I get for it. It would be much easier just to preach the same old stuff everybody else preaches that's not getting people well. So Father, I stand by what we've said. I stand on your word and I expect you to now be a God of your word.
END OF STUDY # 5

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

Curry Blake

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I have had actually people with me, we walk in the door and somebody will say.. For instance up in New York not too long ago, one morning after the service before and as soon as we walked through the door this lady said, "Curry Blake, I have a testimony for you." Good, that's the way it should be when you walk into a room. She commenced to tell us about 4 or 5 different things that she had been healed of. The person right there with me shortly after that said, "Curry, I'm just not seeing healings. Are people actually getting healed?" I said, "You were right there. Did you have your fingers in your ears or what? Go talk to this lady."

I'm telling you sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees. But if I tell you this if you always looking for spectacular you'll miss a lot of what God does. Because a lot of the times he is working under the scenes but He still heals, he delivers, he sets free. It's not always like an arm growing back out, or somebody missing a head gets a head or something like that. It's not always like that but I tell you what. If you are not thankful for everything he does from healing an in grown toe nail up to whatever terminal thing you want to call. If you're not thankful for the whole range you won't see very much. God expects you to be thankful for what he does.

Today we are going to get into a couple of things that I call the ABC's of a Divine Healing Ministry. This is real important and I promise you this. If you do these things they will work for you. These are the ABC's of a Healing Ministry. You do these things you will have a healing ministry. Now I'm not talking about television shows on TBN. That's not a healing ministry. You will be helping people and that's a healing ministry.

First off. Remember this. There principals that guarantee healing. Guarantee it regardless I don't care who you are or what you do or what you've done. It makes no difference. There are principals of the Word of God that guarantee it.

Now that does not mean that God is mechanical and you can manipulate him. That's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is God has provided means whereby any one can be healed. That's just a fact.

You say, "Well, doesn't God have to decide who those people are?"

He's already decided. And it's up to us to figure out who those people are and how they work. So now it's really easy to figure out who those people are. God will heal anybody, anywhere, anytime of anything. I don't think I've left anything or anybody out.

There are two ways healing comes. One is instantaneous. Which a lot of times are not actually a healing but a miracle. You have to differentiate between the two. There is no gift of miracles. There is a gift of working of miracles. That is an extremely important difference.

You just don't sit back and watch miracles happen. Miracles, you work miracles. Moses had a gift of working of miracles. Whenever he stretched out his hand. Actually first you have to remember what he did. He started crying to God, "Here come the Egyptians. We're backed up against this water here. What are we going to do?" Moses didn't say, "Don't worry. I've got everything under control." He didn't say that.

The first thing God told Moses is, "Why are you crying unto me?" Now that right there should shock most of you because that's what God would tell you too in most of you're cases. You go to God, "Oh, God help me." God is not moved by tears. Now he feels your infirmities. He feels the problems. He does not relish you crying and hurting. He wants you free. But if he were just moved by tears everybody would be healed. So that doesn't do it.

He is moved by faith. That's what moves him. He is moved by compassion. That's what moves him.

So the thing to remember is whenever Moses was crying to God and God said, "What is in your hand?"

Moses told him that he had his staff.

“Stretch your arm forth and you part the waters.” See now we’ve always been taught that God parted the waters. Well sure he did, through Moses. Moses stretched forth his arm that was holding the staff that was representative of the power and authority of God and he parted the waters. God rebuked Moses for praying.

Many times you pray when you don’t need to pray. You pray when you should be commanding. See praying is to God. Command is to the enemy.

Some healings are instantaneous and some take a period of time. I don’t like the ones that take a period time. I like the instantaneous like everybody else. But I know this we have to set our faith and say, “I want it now because it has been promised now.” But if you don’t see instant change, you don’t walk away as say, “I guess nothing happened.” If you do that whatever seed has been planted won’t produce.

You have to realize that the Word of God is a seed and if it is planted it will grow. There is nothing you can do about other than dig it up and un-plant it. If I lay hands on you or speak a word to you and you don’t see instant change then you have to assume and believe according to the Word of God, that the seed was planted and it will grow.

Now we see a lot of instantaneous, we see a lot within 24 hours. Now according to biblical standards 24 hours is immediately. So it’s still immediately. If you look at how things were done it is still immediately. So when we say immediately we mean that Jesus saw it while he was standing right in front of him. That’s not necessarily true. The lepers it says they were healed as they went. But it also says that they were healed immediately.

There is an immediate but it is not always right in front of you. That’s when started seeing major differences. When we were in our living room we were seeing 100% results. 100% results in the sense that everybody was getting healed.

Out of that people think that I mean that they were changed right in front of my eyes. No, had meetings every Saturday night and we would pray for them and by the next Saturday when they came back they were healed. Most of the time they were healed within 24 hours. Some times it was in 48 hours.

I started looking at this and analyzed it. What I noticed that people were healed within 24 hours (one day), 3 days, 7 days, 30 days, and 40 days. Always. It almost always followed that pattern. If they didn’t get it within that one-day, they didn’t get it the second day. They got it the third day. If they didn’t get by the third day they would get it on the 7th day. It seemed to work in cycles like that.

How can you explain that? I can’t other than I did notice that they were all biblical time frames. I started noticing even Ecclesiastic it says that there is a time and there is a season for these things coming.

Now let me tell you that I do not believe that there are seasons where God heals and there are seasons when he stops. I don’t believe that. I don’t believe that God has a set time for your healing. I believe that the set time for your healing was on the cross. In God’s mind that was when it was done. I don’t believe that God says, “Well OK you have to wait until May 20th so that I can heal you.” That is a lie. I do not believe that. If you believe that God tells you that, I believe more so that it necessarily wasn’t God, but more your own mind setting date so that you can set your faith toward it.

You say, “Well, I didn’t do that.”

I believe that’s what ends up happening subconsciously. I believe that’s what happens you set a date. There is nothing wrong with that though. You can set a date and say, “By this date, on this date, I will receive absolute healing.” There’s nothing wrong with that. It’s a point of contact that works. Oral Roberts has proven that point of contact works.

The other thing is whenever you plant seed there are seasons of growth, there are times of growth. The Bible says that if you sow to the Spirit you reap of the Spirit. If you sow to the flesh you reap of the flesh. Everything you do in the flesh you don’t get right back. Even today you talk about investing. Well investing means you’re planting something expecting a harvest.

The one thing that I have proven in my life is that the law of sowing and reaping works. It works. It is an unbreakable law. If you want healing you plant healing. If you want healing, lay hands on somebody and plant healing into them. You do that, you are sowing into the Spirit, and you will reap. Now it may take time.

You can do things to speed it up. But you can also do things to slow it up. So you don't want to do that. You want to plant and sow so that you can reap.

A farmer plants and he doesn't expect to reap the next day especially from that field. He can plant into one field and he can be reaping from another field. See the idea is you keep casting your bread upon the waters and after many days they will come back. Then if you cast on every wave, over many days, you'll start reaping on every wave. So you can plant for healing now and receive down the road when you need it.

See that one of the reasons that I stay well. I plant healing everywhere I go. So anytime that there would be a need for me to have healing I've already got seed in the soil that I can call on to have a harvest. Now I do the same thing with finances. I give and I write down what I give. Then I write down how much return should be there: 30, 60, 100 fold. I write down what each of those things will be. So whenever I have so much planted and I look at these different plantings and I have how much that should be coming back. Then if I have a bill coming in or if I need like right now we are out of 16 tape cases. I have to pick some up on my way back through Dallas before I go to Tulsa. So I need the finances to do that and I figure out how much I need and then I look through my book. Where do have that amount coming on the seed I have sown. I planted "X" amount here and some much here. OK, I need that Lord and then I mark it off. Why? It's because I can't call on that any more because I've reaped that planting. Just like a checkbook. You watch, when it comes up I'll have the money to do what I need to do.

That's the way I do it. I always have what I need to do but it's because I always sow. I sow and I sow and I sow and keep sowing.

You say, "That sound real mechanical."

Yes. Look at the world. God has a 24-hour time period. The sun is going to rise tomorrow morning. Everything is very mechanical. God put it in order that way so we could count on him. Same thing with finances, same thing with healing. Works the same way. The law of sowing and reaping always works. It will always work.

Genesis 8:22:

"While the earth remains seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Seedtime and harvest. When is seedtime? Whenever you have seed to sow. There will be a harvest time. It will be. There's nothing that you can do about it. There's nothing the devil can do about it.

Have you ever seen people that you think, "Man God just blesses them and he shouldn't be. I know how they live. I know this, I know that." But they keep planting, they keep sowing and they'll keep reaping. Now that doesn't mean that they are going to heaven. See we think just because God blesses you here on the earth that you are going to heaven. That doesn't mean that a bit.

The Bible says that God makes the sun to shine on the good and evil, the just and the unjust. He blesses them. The goodness of God tries to draw men to repentance. If they don't have that repentance they can do all kinds of good things. Like Paul said, "I can give my body be burned. Give all my goods but it's not going to profit me anything." It will profit the people that he's helped but it isn't going to profit him.

So just because God blesses someone doesn't mean that they are going to heaven. You need to realize that.

The law of sowing and reaping simply stated is this: "What you plant is what will grow."

Secondly, I want to tell you that everything that you say and everything that you do is planting. Everything. Make sure that what you're planting is what you want to grow.

Now we are starting to get over in the area of confession, words, and things like that. Everything that you speak is a seed.

You say, "I don't believe that." Well you don't believe the Word of God. The Word of God is a seed. The Word is a seed. If you are going to plant good seed into good soil then you are going to plant good words. The Bible is the best words that there is. This is what you need to be planting into you heart and into the soil of you heart.

Now I've already prayed that the Lord will help that bird to find a way out of here. I don't want to see him hit the wall or something. I want to see him get out of here. I was watching him a while ago and it just hit me. He's a prisoner, can't get out. Birds weren't intended for inside buildings. They were intended for the outside in the free air. Just like you weren't intended to be sick. Just like you weren't intended to be bound, captured, and trapped in something. It isn't right.

Make sure that what you say is what you want to grow. People say that they've just said one little thing and you're making such a big deal about it. Guess what? No seed ever returns one for one. Every seed always returns 30, 60, 100 fold or more. You say one little word. It doesn't come back one little word. It comes back 30, 60, 100 fold. Law of sowing and reaping works. You cannot break it. "Oh I didn't mean it so it doesn't count." That doesn't matter it will come back.

Seed always returns multiplied 30, 60, or 100 fold at least. Fold means multiplied times over. It is not percent. You don't get 30%, 60%, 100% back. It's times. It would be foolish to plant a dollar and expect back 30%. That's only 30 cents. You would go out of business real soon. It's important that you realize that it always comes back multiplied times over.

I'm laying some foundations of a healing ministry. These are the things that we've used to get to do what we are doing now. Galatians 6:7

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

You can sow to the Spirit or to the flesh. It is your choice. Right there he tells you by whatever you do God is not going to be mocked. You're not going to sow to the flesh and reap out of the spirit. If you sow to the flesh, that's where you have your investment and that's what going to come back on you. You sow to the Spirit you're not going to reap out of the flesh. You're going to reap out of the Spirit.

Now the good thing is whatever is of the spirit can be manifest into the flesh. That's the good part. You sow into the spirit, you sow in healing, you sow in deliverance, you will reap healing and deliverance which will manifest in your body. That's the way it works.

These are laws. That's the beauty of this. People say, "What is the one thing that you have learned in all your Christian life?" I would have to say it is this right here. The law of sowing and reaping always works. That covers everything. If you want healing, plant healing. You want deliverance, plant deliverance. Whatever it is that you need from God you plant it.

Let me tell you something. I've heard preachers say this. I've turned on the television different places and on Christian stations and there is a particular preacher on now that has made a statement that says that if you plant money into his ministry that the anointing that is on his life will come on you. That is a lie. As far as I'm concerned, I've heard some of the other stuff that he preaches it's OK. But, as far as I'm concerned, when he said that he became a false teacher and false prophet and I will not listen to him. I get very upset. You cannot buy the anointing of God.

You can plant into a ministry, and you can plant into his ministry, and what's going on in his ministry, the blessing from that will come on you. God will bless you from your heart of giving for whatever good that is coming out of that. But the anointing on that man's life

you don't get that by planting money. You get that the same way that he got it. That is to go after God, to get that spiritual hunger and decide this is what you've got to have. It's the same thing with this ministry. You can plant into it but you can't buy the anointing that is on my life.

You have to hunger and thirst and go after it. You want the anointing I'll tell you how to get it. If you're a Christian you're already anointed, we know that. Let me tell you how to get the power of God working in you life. You may have heard this story before but I'll tell it to you. This exemplifies it perfectly.

There was a multi-millionaire that was sitting on creek bank fishing. This young man came up to him and said, "Man, I want the secret of your success. I want to know how you got what you got. I want to know how you got rich. I want to know how you got all this stuff. I want to know how you got it."

The old man sitting there said, "OK. Sit down here beside me."

The young man sat down beside him and was thinking, "I fixing to get this secret. It's going to be good."

About that time the old man reaches over to the young man and grabs him by the head jams his head under the water. Hold him there.

The young man was first surprised then he starts fighting and struggling and the bubbles are going everywhere. The old man just keeps holding him and watching him. All of a sudden the last bubble comes out. He waits just a little bit longer. All of a sudden he pulls that young man's head out of the water.

That boy jumps gasping and said, "What did you do that for?"

He said, "Whenever you want success as bad as you wanted that next breath of air you'll get it."

I'm telling you that when you want the Spirit of God in you life, the power to heal and set free and deliver, when you want it as bad as you would want you next breath of air you'll have it. Whenever it becomes more important to you than life. My brother earlier quoted the scripture about where Jesus was talking the Samaritan woman and right after that they came to him with food. They asked who brought you food. He said that he had food that they don't even know about. Whenever that, doing the will of God becomes the food that you crave as much as you do to buffet or whatever then you'll get it.

Dave Hogan said that whenever the dead are raised, the people that around that do it are not the people you find down at the steak house or the salad bar feasting. It's the ones you find at the church house fasting and praying. That's the ones that get it.

I haven't talked much about fasting because you can easily get over into fasting as a works. Easy to where you start thinking you deserve God to work in you because you've been fasting and praying long hours and that kind of stuff. I purposely have gone the other direction. I purposely have not fasted and not prayed long hours because I was wanting to see how faith went. Then at the end of that then begin to fast, then begin to pray the long hours. I'm not saying that I don't fast and pray. I have not done extended periods of time to get the power of God to heal. I didn't see where that was the requirement. We've made it the requirement.

Matter of fact, the verse in the Bible that says, "This kind goeth forth not but by prayer and fasting" that everybody wants to use. That verse isn't even in the best of the Greek translations and or manuscripts. The whole verse is not even there. I'm not saying that it's not in the Bible I'm saying that in the best translations and best manuscripts that verse is not in there.

Secondly, while I'm on it, when Jesus was talking about that. He came down from the mountain. He came down from the Mount of Transfiguration and found his disciples arguing over who was the greatest among them. Another Gospel tells that same story from a different viewpoint. He says that Jesus found them disputing among themselves and they couldn't get this devil cast of this boy. So Jesus said to bring the boy to him. The man

brings the boy to Jesus and said that he had brought the boy to his disciples and they couldn't cast it out. Jesus got the boy free. Right? End of the story.

Then later his disciples asked why couldn't they cast the devil out of this boy. Jesus looked at them and said, "You faithless and perverse generation." He called them "faithless and perverse." He got on to them because they could not get the boy delivered.

I take responsibility for getting people healed. People say, "Well I don't see that. I see where it is strictly God's deal." I see it right there. Jesus got on to his disciples, to the ministry, for not being able to deliver a boy of a devil. He got on to them.

You need to realize that he only got on to religious people. He never got on to people that came for healing. He got on to people that claimed to be leaders. He got on to them because they couldn't help the people.

He called them "faithless and perverse." Now he could have called them just faithless and everybody would say, "There you go. Not enough faith." Jesus told them because of your unbelief. That was the answer he gave them. "Why couldn't we do it?" Because of your unbelief. And then after that it is where the verse says, "this kind goeth forth not but by prayer and fasting."

We all think it is talking about the devil. It isn't talking about the devil. He just told them what he was talking about. He's talking about unbelief. Unbelief leaves because of fasting and prayer. Not this kind of devil.

If that were true then Jesus would be responsible for telling what kind of devil we are talking about there. Because we have to go off and fast and pray for that kind of devil. But I can tell you there is not a devil around that only comes out by prayer and fasting. Because some people have had to pray and fast to get the devil out of the boy but other people didn't have to pray and fast to get that same kind of devil out. So it's not a kind of devil that works like that. It is unbelief that comes out by prayer and fasting.

Why? Because you can't spend time in the presence of God, and fasting, without getting the unbelief out, because you seek God and God says, "This is where you need to work in your life. You need to straighten up this." Then you start to realize that it is the unbelief. The only thing that stops God, the power of God, is the traditions of men and unbelief. That's it.

In Nazareth, it says that Jesus could do mighty works there because of their "unbelief." We all have in our minds that Jesus went out there and tried but couldn't do it. "I'm trying but I'm sorry there is too much unbelief." That's not in the Bible. It is nowhere in the Bible. Jesus never failed anywhere. Let me tell you, the people that are in unbelief are not here. That's why Jesus could not do any mighty works. The ones that were in unbelief wouldn't come to him. They had unbelief that he could do it. "This is Jesus that my kids played with. He's not a prophet." So they stayed home and they kept their sickness. They kept their disease.

But it says, "Except that he laid his hands on a few sick folks and healed them." Well the ones that did come out were the ones that weren't in unbelief, and they got healed.

"Well we have to get all of the unbelief out so we can get the people healed. That's why it isn't working because there is some one in here that is in unbelieving." That's ridiculous that somebody in here could unbelieve and because of that it is going to stop somebody up here from getting healed. That is just garbage. It's traditions of men and it's not true.

Now I know that Jesus put people out of the house and just his disciples in there, I know that. But you can't just run everybody out of the church. For one reason you don't know who is there in unbelief and who isn't. What are you going to do? Ask everyone, "Are you in unbelief?" You ask anybody that and they would say, "I don't think so. No, I a believer." It's ridiculous and it's just not true.

Now talking about casting the devil out of this boy, Jesus told the disciples it was because of your unbelief. Before that he had called them faithless and perverse. OK, "Faithless" means no faith. "Unbelief" it's the same word. *Apistia* "A" at the beginning of a word in the Greek means "no" - no faith, faithless, unbelieving. Unbelieving doesn't mean, "not to

know". It means, "To know but choose not to believe." That's what it means. So it means to be faithless.

If he had just said, "faithless", we could say, "OK that answers it." But then he said, "you're perverse."

Now using the word "perverse" is pretty hard. You look up the word "perverse" and it means, "to twist or to change to suit one's self."

Now this is somewhat conjecture but I believe the scriptures hold it up. You check it out and see what you get. If you find something that proves me wrong then let me know because I'll change. Jesus when he called them faithless he said, "That's your unbelief and that's why you didn't get it." Then he went on further and said, "and you're perverse." Then when he came down they were arguing amongst themselves over who was greatest. Remember what they said about the boy about getting him healed. "Lord, who did sin? Was it the man or the boy?" Jesus said neither. There he answered the question.

So these people here they were telling us that they had tried. That means that they went through the motions. They said, "In the name of Jesus come out." Nothing happened. They probably laid hands on him. "OK, it must not be a devil. He must need healing." "OK be healed." Nothing happened. "Well, we're doing our part. We're the ministers. There must be sin in your life. So who has sin?" They started pointing their fingers at everyone. They twist it to their own needs to not make them look dumb. To make them look like they don't have any power.

"It's not us. It couldn't be us. It has to be you. Must be sin in your life. That's why you're not getting healed."

Jesus said, "Not only are you faithless but you're perverse. Not only you can't do anything about it but then you turn around and put it on them like it's their fault." He said, "It wasn't their sin. It wasn't the boy's sin or the father's sin. Bring him to me."

They brought him to Jesus and he said, "How long has this been going on?"

"Since a young boy. The thing takes him and throws him into the fire, throws him into the water. Tries to kill him."

You say, "Why did Jesus ask that? Do you have to ask that with every devil or demon case?"

No. I've learned a few things in the traveling that it do. Know why Jesus said that? He was human. He wanted to know.

I ask people things and they think, "Oh, that's the key. He trying to find out the name of the demon."

I could care less about the name of the devil. If you ask the devil he's going to lie to you anyway. He's a liar. "What's your name?" "This." "Come out." "I don't have to come out. That's not my real name."

He'll lie to you. You don't always have to know the name of the devil. All you have to do is say, "You, the one that is causing this. I command you to leave." He will go. He has to go.

I've learned a few things. The only reason Jesus asked why it has been this long, that help stir up compassion. When you look at a parent and ask, "How long has this child gone through this?" You start thinking, "It's been that long."

It says that at times it through him into the water and at times it through him into the fire. We're talking about a boy that is scarred from burns. No telling what he looked like. They probably couldn't dress him.

When people come up to me I'll ask them if this pain is constant. "No. It comes and goes." When I hear "It comes and goes" I hear devil. Because that is what a devil does. He comes and goes.

See you start to cue on certain things. You start to hear this happens or that happens. You pray for a person “well the pain is here. But it’s gone from here and it’s moved over here now.” Well that’s not medical condition. That’s a devil moving from one place to another. You put pressure, you put heat on the devil in that area he moves to another area to get comfortable.

The devil will move away from you hand. He is moving away from the heat of the Holy Ghost. That’s why a lot of times when I put my hands on somebody, if I just touch them and they go down real quick, I follow them down. A lot of the times it’s the devil that doesn’t want them under your hands. It’s the devil that doesn’t want you touching them. So you follow them down.

Now does that happen every time? No. Sometimes people are more giving toward following. There’s nothing wrong with it. I’m not making light of it and saying that they are weak or anything like that. Don’t think that. Matter of fact that’s a good thing in the sense it shows that they are more open to the Spirit of God. More sensitive, yes. So don’t look at it as a light thing, it’s a good thing.

Don’t ever tell people that it is their fault. “Oh you don’t have enough faith. Listen to a couple more tapes.” If you come to a person, and they are praying, it is their responsibility to get you well. Think about that.

“Oh, you don’t have enough faith.” Well if you did have enough faith you wouldn’t be coming for prayer. You’d be healed where you are. You wouldn’t be coming to me. It’s obvious that you don’t have enough faith to get healed on your own. That’s why you’re coming to me. It’s up to me to have faith for you.

So you tell somebody that they don’t have enough faith, so what? You may as well tell them the sky is blue. “Yes, tell me something that I don’t know.” All the faith that is ever required is the faith to come on the part of the person getting healed. That’s all it takes is that they come. Why? That’s all it took with Jesus.

It says of Jesus when they brought them in he saw their faith. How did he see their faith? They brought him. That proves that they had faith. People that don’t have faith don’t come. That’s why. All you have to do is come. That’s all the faith it takes on your part. God says, “OK, you’ve done your part. Now the minister does his part.”

Now you say, “Well how come I had hands laid on me before and I didn’t get healed.” Well now we switch over to something else. That’s a whole different situation. Now we go over into Ephesians 3:20 where it says:

“God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that you can think or ask, according to the power that works in you.”

It’s not according to the power of God. If it were according to power of God everything would be done. Right? Because it would just be happening. It’s not according to the power of God it’s according to the power of God that works in you. Or I should say the minister if he is praying for you. But I’m assuming that you are going to be praying for people. So you have to have that power inside of you.

You say, “What if I don’t have enough power?”

Get more. How do you get more? He’s not going to pour more into you. Think more in line with a water hose with a nozzle. You’re not going to have more power you’re just going to have to open it up so more flows through you freely. You can’t get more power. You can’t do it. You have the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit living in you. Where are you going to go to get more power?

What you have to do is allow what is in you to come out. Romans 12:1-3 reads those parts at some point and it will say:

“Be ye not conformed to the world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

That word “conform” means to be totally shaped and molded and compressed, you look,

you talk, you act like the world, you follow their mold. Somebody says, "What's your problem?" You say, "I've got this problem. Guess I'll go to the doctor." That's conforming to the world. That's what they do. I'm not telling you don't go I'm just saying that you are being conformed to the world when you think that way.

When your mind is renewed to the Word of God, it says to have your mind renewed to the Word of God so that you may prove what is the good, perfect and acceptable will of God. If your mind is not renewed to the Word of God you can't prove the will of God.

So somebody says, "What is the will of God?" "I think it's this." If your mind isn't renewed to the Word of God you're wrong. Because you can't prove it unless your mind is renewed. When is your mind renewed? Whenever you think in line with the Word. Not when you think, "What does the Word say?" and go find it. It's when you think in line with the Word. That takes time, it takes effort, it takes feeding on the word, it takes living it. You can't just read it. You have to live it. You have to do it.

Then, it says not to be conformed but to be transformed. That word transformed means "let what's in you to come out." That's where you're supposed to be. As your mind is renewed to the Word of God, that's how you do that. As your mind is renewed you quit taking on the shapes and the look of the world and the sound of the world and you start taking on, you start allowing what's in you to come out.

Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, he was changed, transformed, and we saw what was in him come out. And as your mind is renewed you'll start seeing what's in you come out more and more.

You'll stop being double minded. Right now most of you are double minded. You think one thing but in your heart you know you should be doing something else. That's double minded.

Whenever you are transformed you begin to walk in what you know. Your mind starts to line up with your spirit says. "Yes this is right. I'm supposed to lay hands on the sick. They're supposed to be well." "That's crazy. That doesn't make any sense. They're supposed to go to the doctor to get well."

But whenever you get that lined up and you start saying, "I lay hands on them and they get well." And you start doing that and then your mind says, "This is a normal thing."

You see some one hurting the first, the first instinct – not second, not second nature – it's not second nature anymore. It's my first nature. What nature is it? It's the nature of God. Peter said "By these precious promises we can become partakers of the divine nature of God." His divine nature is built into us by these precious promises.

You see that's become my nature. I don't think in terms of losing anybody. I don't think in terms of praying for somebody and then seeing what happens. I don't have to see what happens. I know what the Word of God says. I lay my hands on them. The power of God goes into them whether they feel it or whether they don't. It doesn't make a bit of difference.

They either get it right then in the sense that it is instantly manifested, or if I don't see it instantly manifested, I know it will be. Because there is nothing that they can do to stop it. Now they can slow it down and eventually they can choke it out the bible says by the cares of the world. You get hands laid on you and you go off going, "Well you know my appointment to get the next treatment is next Monday so I guess I'll go and do that. Then I'll do this." When you start thinking things like that it will choke the word that's been put in you.

You have to think in terms of what the bible says to do. "No, no, no. Curry laid his hands on me. He's a believer. I will recover."

It doesn't say that you are going to jump up and be able to run around the room. It says that you will recover. I'm not saying that that's not instant, it can be. I'm just saying that if it's not instant, don't give up. That's the main key. Don't give up.

Think about it. If faith is receiving, Mark 11:23, 24, well if you believe that you received

something, that's faith. Now if you believe, if you really believed that you received it, how can you ever come back later and say that you never got it? How can you do that? You say, "Well I didn't see it." But if you believe you will see it. And if it is planted you will see it.

If you believe that you received it you can't come back and tell me that you didn't get. If you do that what you're actually saying is that you really didn't receive it. So you weren't really in faith anyway. Now that's on your part not on my part in the sense that if I minister to you all you've got to do is stand and say, "Look, that's what he said."

People say, "Can a Christian have a devil?" Now listen to me very carefully because it's a matter of terminology as far as I'm concerned. I real Christian, could Jesus have a devil? No. He could have if he wanted one. But he didn't want one so he couldn't have one. For a real Christian, a person who is walking in fullness of God, they can't have a devil. That's my standard of what a real Christian is. Anything below that is sub-normal for a Christian.

There are people in that category that yes they can have a devil. And some people say that they don't believe that a Christian can have a devil. Well it depends on your terminology. I really don't care if you think that they can't have one. Is it in their flesh, their soul, their spirit? Who cares they need help.

"Well, I've got to know because my doctrine says that they can't have one." Your doctrine hasn't helped them. So forget that and let's get them help. That's all that counts.

When you get to heaven all that stuff is going to get straightened up anyway. What counts now is that you get people free. That's what counts. I don't care if it's in their soul or if it's in their spirit. I don't care just get it off of them.

"You said that they can't have one. Well that means that if it's not in their spirit then it's in the flesh." Then it's closer to the surface it ought to be easier to get off. Right? I think pretty simple these things aren't real deep.

But the main thing is just get the people help. That's the main thing that we are trying to say when we start dealing with these things you just keep ministering and you don't stop, you don't give up, you don't back off.

If it's real faith, if I can talk you out of it – I tell people all of the time, "Are you going to get it?"

"Sure" (Shaky voice)

"You sure? You going to get it when I lay my hands on you?"

"Yes" (Shaky voice)

I can hear that hesitation. If I can talk you out of it you aren't going to get it. If I can talk you out of it that's not faith. **Faith grabs a hold and hangs on until it gets what it wants.**

You say, "Well how do I know what I want is what God wants?"

Well if you don't know that you can't have faith in him anyway. You can't have faith for something that you don't know is God's will. The bible says that you have to know his will before you can have faith for it.

But it's real easy. You will can become his will. Matter of fact your will should be his will.

Verse 9 in Galatians:

"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not: as we therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

Why does it say because of that we need to do good to all men? Because you are sowing into the Spirit. He says that you're going to reap, keep sowing. So because of that sowing and reaping, keep sowing. Keep doing good to people. Especially to the household of faith.

Especially to them, you should bless them.

Matthew 16: 27

“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”

I don't believe in salvation by works but I do believe in works by salvation. I believe that if you are saved you ought to be working.

One thing that you will learn about me is if you get around me very much is that I'll put you to work. I'm not going to beg for laborers. God didn't call me to beg. I'm not going to beg people to help. Somebody wants to help and they say, “How can I help?” I will put you to work. That quick. But I'm not going to beg you and I won't ask you twice.

“He will reward every man according to his works.”

Mark 9:41

“For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, verily I say unto you he shall not lose his reward.”

That shows you how a close watch God keeps on everything. You determine your rewards not God. God is not determining the rewards he's going to bring you. You determine them by the works you perform based upon the right motive. Some of your works are going to be burned up. Wood, hay and stubble. Because you do it from wrong motive or whatever reason. But whatever is left you get rewarded for.

“Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believes in me, it is better for him that a mill stone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea.”

Luke 6:31, now this is the one we always use always in an offering.

“And as you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.”

There's the Golden Rule again.

“For if you love them which love you, what thank have you? Sinners also love those that love them. And if you do good to them that do good to you, what thank have you? For sinners also do the same. And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive what thank have you. For sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies and do good and lend, hoping for nothing again and your reward shall be great, you shall be called children of the highest. For he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil, be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful.”

You want mercy? Extend mercy. With what measure you meet and judge - you're going to be judged. That right there ought to scare some of you. You need to start being tender toward people, merciful toward people. Not hard on them. Be hard on yourself, easy on people. That's the way that you do it. Hard on yourself, easy on them. Show mercy to them. Set a standard for yourself and walk by it but don't set a standard for them. It's not your business. Especially don't set a standard that you're not walking. That's what you usually do. So that way they make you feel not so bad about yourself whenever they blow it. Well look they didn't do it, they couldn't live up to it. Don't do that, put you in the seat of the Pharisees.

“Judge not and you shall not be judged. Condemn not and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you shall be forgiven.” Vs.38. “Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, men shall give unto your bosom; for the same measure that you that you meet with all it shall be measured to you again.”

You use a little spoon to dip out. God uses a little spoon to dip back. You use a shovel. God uses a shovel. You decide, you determine. He lets you move first and then he just does what you do. You want to bless people? Bless them big. You want to be blessed a little bit? Hold back.

God doesn't count how much you put into the offering. He counts how much you have left in your billfold.

That's the way Jesus did it with the little widow woman with the mite. That's what he did with her. He said that even though she's given little, percentage wise that's what God counts. How much percentage you give. That's the way he looks at it.

I John 3:7

“So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that give the increase.”

See, that's something that some of you need to learn. Healing ministry, you're nothing, in that sense of “Great Man of God.” Your first problem will be when you start believing your own press reports. When you start believing the things that people start saying about you, that's when you get into trouble. Other ministers will sometimes say, “I don't read all of the negative reports.”

Those are the first ones that I read. I don't read a lot of the praise reports. I read the healing reports but I'm talking about the ones from people that pat you on the back. The people that pat you on the back one day will stab you in the back the next.

That's what happened to Jesus. One day they are laying out palm branches out for him the next day they want to crucify him. So men's applause, men's acclaim mean absolutely nothing. People can change immediately. They can hear something about you that isn't even true and they'll change. So I don't care what people think about me. All I care about is what God thinks about me. He's my judge. He's the one I'm going to answer too. He's the one I'm trying to serve. He's the only one that counts.

I do read the negative reports. Why? Because if I'm messing up somewhere, or if I'm drawing flack by doing something that I could not be doing to stop it, I want to know. Especially if they say something about me that is true and it's bad, I want to know because I want to change it. Sometimes you are too close to something to see it. You need an unbiased observer to be able to point things out.

Now if they say like, “He seems so arrogant,” or something like that. Faith always seems arrogant to the carnally minded or to the religious. Always, it will always seem arrogant.

I have a pastor back home that says that the truth will set you free but first it will make you mad. That's the way it always works. If I make you mad you are on the road to recovery.

“Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labors. For we are labors together with God. You are God's husbandry, (His garden) you are God's building; according to the grace of God which is given unto me as a wise master building”

Wasn't Paul arrogant? He called himself a wise master builder. Can you imagine that? No he's telling the truth. Nothing wrong with telling the truth. Nothing arrogant about telling the truth. It's not bragging if you can do it.

That's why so little gets done. Everybody's afraid. Somebody has to stand up and say, “Bless God follow me as I follow Christ.” That's what Paul said. Nothing arrogant about it as long as you are living right, doing right.

You're supposed to create disciples. You cannot create a disciple and build a disciple if you're not willing for them to analyze your life, look at your life, and copy you. There's nothing wrong with that.

The Bible says to be imitators of God as dear children. We're to imitate Him. Then Paul imitate me as I imitate Christ. That's what he said. Nothing wrong with that as long as you're doing what's right.

If you're the normal person you'll do better when everybody is watching you. You walk straighter, do better. Why do you think that God wants you to have a disciple? He wants you to have disciples. Why? “Well Jesus was supposed to have disciples. Not me.”

No. We're all disciples of Christ. But there are going to be disciples of you in the sense that you are teaching and training them. Nothing wrong with that. Why do you think that He wants that? Why do you think that works better?

If you know that somebody is watching how you're walking, you tend to walk a little bit better. There are some things that I don't do just because they may get misunderstood. Certain things that are legal to me, like Paul, I'm not going to let my liberty be the cause of somebody else's stumbling.

You say, "Well I have every right." See Americans are big on rights. "It's my right. I have a right to do this." Not if you are going to help people. There are some rights that you are going to lay down. There are some things that you don't have a right to anymore.

Whenever you step behind a pulpit there are other things that come with it. Just like when you step into the President's office, you have certain responsibilities to uphold that office with dignity. You can't just do anything you want. Your private life is not your private life any more. Whenever you become a public figure you are a public figure. You have to walk that way and stand that way and be ready to stand according to judgment that people put on you. When you start standing up for Christ you're going to become a public figure. I don't care if you're behind a pulpit or not. That's just the way it is. People start looking to you.

There's nothing wrong with that but you have to know so that you can live right. Just do what's right. You should do behind the pulpit the same thing you're doing in every day of your life. You shouldn't be any different. The only difference is how many people you're touching.

I'm just like you and there are times when I feel like, "I'm not going to play along with them any more. I'm not going to be waiting there beside that phone to take prayer requests. They don't appreciate it anyway. I'm not going to do it any more." Don't think that I don't feel that way sometimes.

What hits me a lot of times is that I don't have to travel all of the times. Right now I could start up a church and have 200 to 300 people within a month. We get all of the times people wanting to know where we are so that they can move to where we are. I could start a church and do work shops there and do the training there and all of that. I don't have to travel but then I start thinking that I can travel. There are some people that can't go to Tulsa. There are people that can't make it down here or get for whatever reason. Some people too sick to go that far. So I keep traveling.

I'm going to try and localize some but I'm not going to stop traveling. I made a promise to God when I was 17 years old. I made a vow to Him that I will preach this gospel from border to border, from coast to coast, and across the seas if You want me too. I will not stop doing that.

So I have to get on the ABC's. We can cover them pretty quick. Here they are, they're pretty simple. It's amazing how simple they really are. If you'll get these down they'll work. I promise you that they work. Write these down and study them.

Number 1 – A- Availability. II Chronicles 16:9 says:

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him"

Get your heart perfect toward God. What does that mean? That doesn't mean perfect, absolutely no sin, no mistakes, perfect. It means "Mature, walk in what you know." That's what he is saying. Get your heart right before God and walk in what you know.

In just the few days that you've been here, and you don't realize it yet, you know more than probably a good 85-90% of all Christians on the face of the earth concerning healing. Based just on what you've heard from these few messages. You go back over it and you write out the points and you see. Then you go talk to any other 100 Christians, anywhere, and you see if you don't know more about healing than they do.

Knowledge is responsibility. It comes with the territory.

Isaiah 6:8

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, ‘Whom shall I send, who will go for us?’ Then said I, ‘Here am I. Send me.’”

That has to be your heart cry. Otherwise you are selfish and you’re hoarding up. You cannot hoard up. You can’t gather up. Christians have to be rivers. Not dams.

A river has an inflow and an outflow. OK? You have to be a “River Christian” not a “Dam Christian.” That’s our problem. We have too many “Dam Christians.” You can find out who is religious in your group when you say that.

You have to give out what you take in. If you keep taking in and never giving out, you will stagnate. Stagnation means death. You’ll die. It’s that simple.

Now this isn’t under “Availability” but I want to give them to you so you’ll have this.

Step 1. Revelation: Enlightenment concerning God’s will. Revelation doesn’t mean something special. It means that you understand something. That’s all it means. Something is revealed to you. Healing has been revealed to you in a way that you had it before I trust.

Enlightenment concerning God’s will. “Oh, that’s what God wants me to do,” or “Oh, that’s what God wants me to be.” That’s enlightenment. Now you know something.

Step 2. Conviction: Determining where you are in fulfilling God’s will. You just had enlightenment. Now you have to judge yourself and say, “Now where am I at in this?”

Step 3. Action: Completing the fulfillment of God’s will. How would you do that? You say, “I must do whatever you just learned.

You take these steps, you apply to everything you learn. Not just to healing. You go back to church, you go anywhere, go there and apply these three steps and your life will change.

Availability: Ezekiel 22:30

“And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none.”

You have to determine to be that person to stand in the gap.

I did that when my daughter died. See I didn’t even know what I was doing. I didn’t know that it was scriptural. I didn’t know that I had scriptural grounds. I remember going to God and saying, “God there was no man there for me whenever I needed one most. I swear to you that I will be that man for somebody some day.”

Now we’ve been able to be that person for thousands, literally thousands. Three of them being in the exact same situation of a person being dead. So we’ve been that person there. We’re not finished. We’re still going one.

Ezekiel 3:18

“When I say unto the wicked ‘That thou shalt surely die,’ and thou (you) give him no warning nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity. But his blood will I require at your hand.”

His blood will I require at your hand. See you think you are going to stand before God and it’s going to be all flowers and roses. He’s going to say, “Look at this. Here’s where my heart is. Instead I get you when I could have had thousands more with you but you didn’t tell them. You know better.” You have to tell them.

“Are you talking about witnessing?” Yes, but probably not in the way that you are thinking. I don’t walk up to people and tell them, “Jesus loves you.” No big deal.

I walk up to them usually and say, "Excuse me." Usually it has to do something do with physical then I pray for them. I say, "I'm just doing this because God loves you and He sent me here to tell you this. He loves you and wants you well. In Jesus' name be healed." And the God heals them.

We see more instant out in Wal-mart and places than we do in churches. God has to. They don't know how to walk in faith. They haven't been trained or taught. So God has to show up or they'll go off and say, "That guy's a flake." You can't do that. You have to have the goods to deliver.

(A question is asked about how to approach people and minister to them)

I have all kinds of ways. It's not a formula. I can give you about 3 or 4 different ways and you can use whichever way fits you.

One is you can walk up to a person and just start talking to them. Jesus did the same thing. Find something that they are looking at. "Oh, that's a good price on that isn't it? - - - So what's your name, you look familiar. - - - Do I know you? - - - I'm Curry Blake."

If they have a problem that you can see then you ask them about it. "What happened to your leg?"

"How does it feel?" "Does it give you problems?" "You know what, this may sound crazy to you, I know it would if I were you, but it's just a fact. I pray for people and God heals them. If you will let me I'll pray for you right now and God will heal you."

Most of the time they are so in shock they just go right along with it. They're not used to that. But you have to go kind of quick. If you give them a lot of time to think they'll back off. They'll start to think this is weird.

I had one lady back off from me one time. It was because she had a crippled leg and arm and it was really sad. It hurt me and I cried because she had an attitude because of her problem. She basically was like "Oh pick on the crippled girl" attitude. I didn't get to pray for her.

But I knew the moment that I lost it, when I lost that connection. It was because I took too long to, you know, close the sale. I took too long.

You have to be kind of quick and move pretty steady.

But if you walk up and say, 'Excuse me, um, I, um pray for, ah, people sometimes and, ah, you know, ah, God, I believe, ah, will heal, ah, you.'

Don't waste your time. Don't waste their time. You have to walk up and be bold toward. Act like you know what you're talking about. Nobody likes people that don't know what they are talking about.

So you have to be bold about and just say, "Look, this may seems crazy." They're going to think you're crazy anyway so you might as well tell them. If you tell them that they are going to think that you are crazy then at least they know we're agreeing here. We've got something in common.

Just say, "Look, I know this sounds crazy. I know it but it's just a fact. I pray for people and God heals them. If you let pray for you I believe that God will heal you right now."

When you introduce yourself, stick out your hand. People will a lot of time shake you hand automatically. Well when you finish shaking hands don't turn loose. Just hang on to them for a second. Just hold their and say, "I pray for people and I'd like to pray for you if you'll let me."

You'd be surprised. People will let you pray for them.

There's one lady that went to Wal-mart for the first time. She was real shy and nervous and everything that I just said don't be. "Can I pray for you?" This lady looked at her and just started crying and said that she had wanted somebody to pray for her and nobody would. In

Wal-mart.

You think people are going to go “No get away from me you Christian.” They’re not like that. People want to know that you care.

What they don’t want you to do is walk up and go, “Have you heard the Four Spiritual Laws?” Everybody’s heard of the Four Spiritual Laws and nobody cares. “You’re sins have separated you from Christ. Jesus is the bridge. Please walk across it.” That doesn’t work. That stuff doesn’t work.

What did it say they did with Jesus. He astonished them because he spoke as one who had authority.

You say, “Well I don’t know if it’s going to work.” It doesn’t have anything to do with you it’s Him. He wants them well. Walk up and act like it’s going to work. Just walk up and take their hand, “Hi, I’m Curry Blake.” But you use your name. “I pray for the sick and God heals them. Can I pray for you? Thank you.” Don’t even wait for an answer. If you start praying they won’t interrupt you. Because everybody is trained “Don’t interrupt people praying.” Bow your head and start praying. They’ll bow their head but they’ll look to see if anybody is watching.

You’ll see people in the Wal-mart and they’ll say remember me in prayer. They’re thinking that you are going to go home and pray. No you walk up to them, “Father, in Jesus’ name.”

“Yet if thou warn the wick and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.”

Now this is Bible. I’m not making this stuff up. You warn them. They don’t turn, they die in sin, they still die in sin. But you have delivered your soul. You’ll be able to give an accounting.

“Again when a righteous man does turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity.”

Now listen to this. “Now does turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die because thou hast not given him warning. He shall die in his sin and his righteousness, which he has done, shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.” Because you didn’t tell him. “Nevertheless, if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned.”

This is pretty simple stuff. But it is stuff that is not preached any more.

The first one Availability. Let’s look at Proverbs 3:27

“Withhold not good from them to whom it is due. When it is in the power of thine hand to do it.”

I like that one. That’s a command from God. “God, you said don’t withhold it. You said that I have the Holy Ghost and I received power. You said lay hands on the sick. Don’t withhold them from whom it’s due.”

Well who’s it due? Who did He die for? Whoever He died for that’s who it’s due.

Gets easier all the time doesn’t it? See I like to back people back into a corner because that’s what I have to do. I had to back myself into a corner to where I had to obey or be disobedient. That’s pretty much what I do to you.

Now, James 4:17

“Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

It’s not a mistake. It’s a sin if you know to do good.

First one is Availability. That’s the “A”.

Number 2: Bold Believing. That's just the first part of Bold. The second part is Being Bold.

Bold Believing – Proverbs 28:1

“The wicked flee when no man pursues but the righteous are bold as a lion.”

That's a good scripture to have. You quote that. I quoted that for years. “The righteous are bold as a lion.” I am the righteous of the Lord, I'm bold as a lion.

Did that help? I don't know. I do know that I go out and talk to people and I'll reach out my hand. I don't know if it's that scripture or it's me kicking my self to go out and do. Either way it works.

I John 4:18

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear has torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

But the Bible says that the love of God has been shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost. So you have the love of God shed abroad in you heart. That love will drive out fear. But you have to step forward into the vacancy made by the love or the fear will come back.

I John 4:17

“Herein is our love made perfect; that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world.”

You need boldness in the Day of Judgment. How are you going to have boldness? If you know that you have done your job! You know that you've done your job you have no problem in the Day of Judgment.

People that are scared of tests are people that have not studied. You hear that there's going to be a test, if you've studied, “Glory to God. Here's a chance for me to shine.”

You can do the same thing in the Day of Judgment. You can stand up before God, you can go in there, “Go ahead. Time for my rewards I've worked hard.” Nothing wrong with that as long as you're serving God.

If you're going in there, “Bless God, give me what I have coming.” You're going to get what you've got coming. You don't want what you've got coming. Not with that attitude.

So how do we look at this.

Number 1: Revelation: It is God's will that we be bold. What does “Bold” mean? It means to be “outspoken concerning the things of God.” That's all Boldness means. Boldness means that you are free to speak. In other words you speak out things freely.

People say that they are not bold. It's because that you don't have confidence in that fact you know what you know. When you know something you're confident. Anything that you know you are confident about.

See that's why I'm confident about what I'm teaching. I know what I'm talking about. I'm not guessing about anything. I'm teaching. I know what I'm talking about.

If there is an area that I'm not too sure about I'll tell you. I'll tell you that this is opinion or this is what I think or this is what I'm checking out. But the things that I teach you I know.

“Well aren't you worried that someone is going to stand up and say, “You're quoting a scripture wrong or you're misquoting a scripture, it's out of context.” Nope. Not worried about it. That's why I openly say, “Anybody see me do something wrong let me know.” To this day no one has ever come to me and say, “Brother, you've taken this out of context or you're wrong in this.” It's never happened. Now I'm not saying that it will never happen. I pray it doesn't. I pray that God keeps me straight, keeps me right, keeps me accurate.

But I'm not worried about it. If it did happen I wouldn't stop telling people to come and tell me. I would want to know. But I'm confident.

There are a lot of things that I don't know about. Get over into Prophecy, I don't even mess with it. I have other people that I talk to about that. If I want to know prophecy I don't concern myself with it. I concern myself with the power of God, with healing, the things that I know about, that's what I teach. Only a fool would get up and teach on things that they don't know. All you are going to do is mess people up and that is not my job. I'm to fix you up not mess you up.

So I stick to my area. I don't get out into areas that I'm not called into. I'm not called just to healing. I'm called to bring Christians back to New Testament Christianity. But to do that we've got to get well. Before you go heal the world you've got to get well. So I try to bring you into that first and this is the area that God is directing us right now.

There is also areas of Apostolic Ministry that we're moving into, that God has called us into, to set doctrine and to set things in order that we do. Now I'm not doing it here because that's not why I'm here.

But if you were back home in my home group, that's what we do. We would set doctrine and we would say this is what the Bible says in areas other than just healing. You're not my realm of authority in those areas. Only in the area of healing here.

Paul said the he was not an apostle to everybody but he is this group. It's the same thing. Whatever ministry that you're called to, you may not be that to everybody but there are groups that you are that to. In that area of healing I'm a certain thing to you. But in other areas I'm not. I don't try to take those areas of authority from whoever is the authority in your life over that. That's why I can work well with ministries and stuff because I know where I stand and I don't get into areas that I'm not called into.

Number 2 or B actually. Application was A. B is conviction. Remember you've already got these.

The conviction should be determining where you are in fulfilling God's will. The application: Are you as bold as God has made provision for you to be? Most people would say, "No." But you can reach that.

"C" is action. Completing the fulfillment of God's will. The application is this: Begin to find ways or situations to be bold. You've got to start somewhere.

Stretch to believe more boldly.

Finally C. So we've got

- A. Availability
- B. Bold Believing, Bold Action
- C. Compassion

Without C, yes you can get people healed but people won't like you. They won't like you while you do it. Because you'll be mean. You can't be mean getting people healed. It won't work that long. It'll work for a while.

Compassion makes it all work because that's when you are closest to God's heart.

Matthew 9:36

"For when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd."

Now why were they sheep having no shepherd? There were synagogues all over Israel. But He saw them as sheep scattered out. Why? Because the shepherd of Israel at that time were not feeding the sheep.

Let me tell you sheep don't go to another field to eat if they are being fed at home. I never

worry about losing people or losing things. I figure if I'm not feeding them they need to go somewhere else. I care more about the people than my group. You know my organization or something.

So I keep feeding and if you need feeding somewhere else, you go there. That's the way it works. I don't worry about it.

The shepherds of Israel should have been feeding their sheep and then they wouldn't had to worry about this prophet coming along and the multitudes coming after him. But they weren't doing it. They weren't getting healed. They weren't getting fed. So they started looking for some one that would.

"Then saith He unto His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.'"

Now He did that after he saw them out in the fields.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. 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."

People that say, "Well I've got a gift of healing for this particular disease." That's not God's way. That would be foolish. Someone come to you and say that they have a certain disease. "Oh, I'm sorry. You have to go to Brother So and So to get help with that."

No, the Bible says to meet the needs of anybody. Give to any man that ask you. It's up to you to get a hold of the power of God to beat anything.

Matthew 14:14

"And Jesus went forth, saw great multitude, was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

He was moved with compassion. It doesn't say he healed their sick because it was the time, God led him. You think that God got all the people in that group together and they were all just happened to be people that God wanted to heal that day. It just happened to be that day? That's ridiculous. You don't really believe that. It's just the excuse that you use whenever people don't get healed.

"Well it's not your time." "Well just wait. In God's timing."

If it was God's timing they would have already been healed 2000 years ago. They would have already have gotten it right away.

See we are not on God's timing we are on our timing. That's the problem. You get on God's timing you can go around and get everybody healed right now. Because God wants everybody well.

Matthew 15:32

"Then Jesus called the disciples unto him and said, 'I have compassion on the multitudes because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I will not send them away fasting lest the faint in the way.'"

See he even thought about their needs of needing food.

You can go to Strong's and look up compassion and write them down. That's all this is. So compassion is vital.

Now last thing.

How does Compassion apply.

First off: Revelation.

Enlightenment concerning Compassion.

The application is: God's will must be that I have compassion on people as my Lord did. Compassion always led and leads to the action to change their situation.

When you are led by compassion you are led by the Holy Spirit. You want to be led by the Holy Spirit be led by compassion.

It says that Jesus was moved by compassion. "Well, I thought that he was led by the Holy Spirit." He was and compassion is the Holy Spirit. It is. The Spirit of love, the Spirit of Grace, the Spirit of Mercy. That's where compassion comes from.

So you're waiting for something special. Don't do that. Look out and have compassion on people and go for it.

How do you get more compassion? You can stir it up.

The second one is conviction. Determining where you are in fulfilling God's will. How often am I overtaken by compassion to help alleviate someone's problem. You have determine where you are at.

Completing the fulfillment of God's will.

I must begin today to look at people through God's eyes and then begin to treat them as He would treat them. That's all faith is. Looking at people the way God sees them and then treating them that way.

Compassion is the unction, the desire to move and help a person. Moving is the expression of compassion. Today I will be moved by compassion and act. You are not moved by compassion until you act.

Compassion is love in action. That's all it is.

How to get more compassion.

One example is you can listen to the person's story. A lot of times you come into a situation and it's dry and sterile. I will talk to the person, especially if it is a parent, I will tell them, "How does this affect you? Tell me about it." "Well why do you want to know that?" Right now I'm not just overwhelming with compassion. Maybe I just got off an airplane, I'm tired, I'm hungry, whatever. I need the compassion of God. You have to stir it up. It doesn't just come on you. I stir it up.

You have to be pretty cold hearted to hear some of these stories that I hear and not be overwhelmed with compassion. It happens. So I tell them, "Tell me about it. How does it affect you?"

"Well because of the pain, I have a new born baby and I can't hold my baby. I haven't been able to hold it for two weeks. Because of the pain all I can do is touch him." You start hearing that and it stirs you.

You say, "What the big deal about that." You're cold hearted.

If you've ever held a new born baby, see every day that you miss is a day that you can't get back. You start looking at that and you start thinking about this person that can't hold this baby and you have to be able to realize, "How would you be?" You would want to take that baby and hold it. You would want to say that when that baby was born I held them.

End of Study #6

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

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Let's pray. Father, we just thank you. Lord, we just lift your name, the name of you Son. Father, we thank you for all that name entails, what it has provided. Lord we just ask that we walk worthily of our calling. So Father right now I ask that the words that go forth will be your words, only your words, and nothing but your words.

Father, we appreciate you. Lord, we just want to be accurate. Lord, we don't want to hold back, we don't want to pull back. We want to move forward in you. We want everything that you want for us. Nothing more and nothing less. Lord, we ask for exact spiritual discernment. And Lord, we ask that your Spirit will confirm the Word that is spoken with signs, wonders, healings. Lord, that you will continue to bless.

Father, we just want to thank you. Now Father, I ask that my words will be very clear, very understandable, no misunderstanding, no preconceived ideas pulling them apart or anything like that. But that Lord what I say will be exactly what you want me to say and I will say it exactly right to reach every heart of every person here. In Jesus' name we thank you for it. Amen.

My mind is not on just getting people healed. As good as that is, as much as I appreciate God for it, that's not just my commission from God. My job is to train, to equip you to do the job. This is not about a one-man show or somebody doing something or being the person that does it all. That is not my intention. My intention, and what will make me happiest, is after I leave here if I hear testimonies from you of how you've gone to Walmart and how you've gone to these different places, and how you've laid your hands on people and how you've seen results. That's what will make me happy. I don't want to have somebody say, "I'm in Indiana. Can you please come and get me well?"

I want to be able to say, "I don't need to come. I can give you a phone number," and it'll be in your city with your people. That's when people will actually believe that God is doing this. That's when you will really see God in this more than just a man. **As long as you keep looking at a man or you keep thinking that it's this man or some special anointing – that's what people say that it's a special anointing on him – then what good is it?** Everybody would have to move to Tulsa to get prayed for. But then the world would not see God at work. So you have to be able to touch people where you are. **You have to be able to minister to people where you are and the more people that do it the less likely people are to see it as some special thing on one person.**

That's the biggest thing I'm fighting. Everybody thinks that when it starts happening that it is you; that you are special or you are something. So the more people that I get doing it the faster it dispels that kind of garbage. Usually all that is is an excuse for the average person not to do anything. That's what I'm trying to do. I'm trying to remove your excuses and put into an area where there is responsibility.

Saying that, there are a couple of things that I would consider essential to having this work in your life. One of which is that **you are connected with God. It's not a matter of God out there and you're here and you're trying to somehow reach out and reach through the veil in the Spirit that you reach your arm through in the Spiritual grab bag.** You grab something and pull it out and say, "Oh look what I got. I got something."

That's not God's intensions. His intension is that you know exactly what you are doing. Jesus was never vague. He didn't guess. He didn't stumble around. He knew where he was going, knew what he was doing. Everything was very clear-cut for him. It should be the same for you.

God does not expect you to walk any different, with any less tools, than Jesus operated under. Jesus said the works that I do you will do also, and greater than these shall you do. Most of the times I would say that we would just settle for the same works. Not even near the greater works yet.

Well, I can tell you that we have already seen some greater works. You say, "How's that?" For one, this may sound kind of funny but you couldn't do it before now. This had to be last days stuff.

We've gotten a phone call from people in the hospital that they have had already called in the family for a person's death. They call me on my cell phone and they have a cell phone, and they'll say, "Can you pray for Sister So-and-So?" They've already called in the family

and they are just waiting for her to die.

I would say, "Is she awake?" Actually in this case she wasn't. I said, "Then take your little cell phone and you take it over to her and lay your phone on her stomach." They said that they would. They laid the phone on her stomach and I started talking to her. I started commanding in Jesus' name for this thing to leave her and for her to be healed.

Then whenever I finished they picked up the phone, I talked to them for a couple more minutes. I told them to call me back. Let me know of any changes. There was less than 24 hours she was awake, talking, drinking, eating (they started putting fluids in her). That's God, Amen.

But you couldn't do that before. Jesus didn't do that. Now he healed at a distance. But he didn't heal at that kind of a distance. We were talking across country. That would be a "greater work."

Now we can't do things greater than what Jesus could do if he were here in that sense. But we are capable of doing greater things of what he did do. That's how we can do greater things.

I'll tell you another thing, here's what I'm waiting for. I want to see that happen with a dead person. I want them to put the phone on a dead person. Could you imagine that in a funeral? All of the people sitting there crying and you put the phone in the casket and all of a sudden the person sits up with the phone.

I know that sounds crazy but not any more crazy than you can put your hands on a sick person and they can get well. That sounds crazy to a non-spiritual person.

You will not do a more greater work if you can't see it first, if you can't imagine it. If you cannot possibly imagine it you're not going to do it. You're limited. You need to expand your horizons in the sense of what God has said that you can do. Just start stretching out.

So we are going to be looking at this lesson that is called "Sons of God Acting Like Sons of God."

See our problem is we've been sons of God and we haven't been acting like it. I'm going to give you the main points and showing you the scriptures for you to go in and search them out.

Ephesians 4: 11 "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."

One thing people need to realize is that these are offices. We have an office that we call the President. We have an office we call the Vice-President. If for some reason the President should have to leave office then that office still remains. It's just vacant. God has placed in the body the offices of the Apostle. The office of the Prophet. The office of the Evangelist, and the Pastor, and the Teacher. Now whether a person fills those or not the offices are still there.

One of the reasons, while we've had problems in some of the acceptance of the fact that there are still apostles and prophets today and we're starting to gain that back a little bit, is because there have not been people qualified to fill those offices. So they've stayed vacant. Then we end up having people that claim those offices that obviously did not qualify.

In Revelations, Jesus is speaking to the church and he says, "I've watched how you have tested these false apostles who have called themselves apostles and found them to be liars. You've proven them. You've tested them." So in that day, of that church that he is talking to, there were going to be people that claimed to be apostles but they were false apostles.

So there are certain things that have to go along with an apostolic ministry, with a prophetic ministry. There are certain qualifications that you have to meet.

Now there are different categories of apostles. I'm not going to do a big teaching on apostles. I'm just kind of filling you in because there is this kind of move going on and I think you need to be grounded in some things or you are going to be swayed.

There is one level of apostle called the Apostles of the Land – the first twelve. Those twelve can never be replaced. They have a place in heaven. They're set. There are no more Apostles like "them."

Then there were others that were called Apostles. I think there were actually 21 people in the New Testament referred to as Apostles. What really blows a lot of peoples theology is that one of them is a female. People think that only males can be Apostles. Not according to whom they called Apostles. So God is an equal opportunity employer.

The main thing is the qualifications that you have to meet to do this. Paul listed his qualifications I think in I Corinthians 11. He said, "I've proven myself in distresses, in shipwrecks, and such."

Now he did say in the power of God and he did say in signs and wonders. He said that he has fully preached the gospel with signs and wonders. If you don't have signs and wonders you're not fully preaching the gospel. It's just that simple.

That is the qualifications of an Apostle. There does have to be signs and wonders following.

In that, we look at that aspect and we go, "Signs, Wonders, ooh, ahh." You know fireworks. That is not the key thing, the key requirement of an Apostle's ministry. An Apostle's ministry first and fore most will be marked with two things. - Persecution and hardship.

See everybody wants to be an Apostle now. Everybody wants to run around with a little tag on "I'm Apostle So-and-So." "I'm Prophet So-and-So."

Now the Apostle's and Prophet's office is marked with persecution and hardship. If people know that then maybe they will be a little bit slower to grab that title and run around thinking that it means 3-piece suits, offices, and people bowing down to you when you walk in. Really you don't want to be an Apostle you want to be a Pope. That's what you are trying to be. You're trying to get this little group under you so that you can walk around and be important.

You are important in the Kingdom of God by how many people that you help. It is how many people that you serve. That's what makes the difference. Not how many people put you up on their shoulders and pat you on the back. But it is how many people that you serve. A lot of the people will not even know your name.

Some of greatest Apostles America doesn't know anything about them. They're going on in India, Africa, South America.

I went over to Africa in 1997 and ordained 70 young men. Four of them died because they wouldn't leave the area when the rebels came in and started killing everybody. They refused to go. They gave their lives for the gospel.

This one young man in Africa got a hold of a book of Bible Doctrines. Simple Bible doctrines, just the basics. Nothing fancy. We went over there and ordained them and this young man was 15 years old at the time and he wanted one of the manuals. I only had 50 of them and we had ordained 70 people. So already they were having to share. This man was from Tanzania and he wanted one of those manuals. So one of the brothers there said that he could have his and the he would share with some one else.

This young man came into the meetings and sat there 3 or 4 days. We laid hands on him. Some things took place there it was really neat. Then he went back to Tanzania and within about 6 to 8 weeks we had already gotten reports back that this young man had already raised 50 people from the dead. 6 weeks!

Now number one over here you don't get that opportunity. There's not that many dead people around you. When they do die people ship them off real quick and get them away from the people. Over there death is a little more accessible.

They told me when I was there, when I asked them about their faith, they're light years

ahead of us. I told them that they don't need me over here. I need to bring you back to America. I told them that I didn't want to ruin them.

I asked this one brother, "How do you get so strong a faith so quick out of your people?"

He said, "Brother, here we don't have hospitals on every corner. Here we believe God or we die. It is that simple."

They have asked the head of the Mormon Church how they get 80 to 85% of their young to serve for 2 years on the mission trips. He said that they expect it. We expect them to serve. We put that into them as they are growing up.

We don't expect anything. We have cheapened the gospel to the point where you just have to sign the card, just say this word. Say this word and as you walk out the door we will sprinkle you with water and you can get it all done at one time. No cost, no price, nothing.

Whereas in the old days, I'm talking about the early church, you named Christ as your Lord it meant that you were no longer qualified to be a Roman citizen. The word Lord was reserved for one person, Caesar. They had guards that would take names of people that gave their lives to Christ. The moment they gave their life to Christ they would confiscate all of their goods. They would lose everything right then. So when they joined the church it wasn't just walking down an aisle and not costing them anything. It cost them everything.

Persecution always helps the church. Why do you think the Chinese church is doing so well? Because they are persecuted. That's why the American church is fat and lazy. Sleeping most of the time. I'm not praying for persecution.

Think about this. Persecution comes for the Word sake. Isn't that what Jesus said? So if you're not being persecuted, guess what? No word! It's that simple. You're not living in any Word. Matter of fact maybe you should question what you hear sometimes. There should be persecution come with it. You don't have to believe for it because it will come. It comes on its own.

An Apostle is not someone who lives in a life of luxury, snaps his fingers and has everything given to him. It's a person that does whatever is necessary to get the job done. Regardless, whether the people help him or not, he is going to get the job done. Why? Because God gives him a commission to do it. It's got to get done.

God doesn't say, "Here do it and I'll take care of it all." God tells him, "Get it done and I'll be back to check on you."

That's a mentality that an Apostolic Ministry operates under. If you see someone who is driven and you think that they are rude, their mean, they don't have much time, that's why. Apostles a lot of times are not people oriented. A lot of times they are goal oriented. Get this done. They forget that their goal is people.

If you can balance the two between your goal being people and your goal being extending the Kingdom of God, then God can use you. We haven't seen many ministries like that. But you watch because they are coming. God is purifying the church.

Why did he give some Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers?

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

How long are we going to have Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, and the fivefold ministries.

"Till we all come in the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Have we obtained that? No! Then we still have Apostles don't we? Isn't that what he said?

A lot of people say that there weren't any Apostles after the twelve. Or at least after New

Testament times. Well you have to remember too in Ephesians right before this it says that when he ascended he gave gifts to men. Then it says he gave some Apostles. When he gave the Apostles is when he ascended. That wasn't when he walked on the earth. That was after that. So from that time is when he gave the Apostles. That proves that there are still Apostles. At least after his ascension.

Then when they say how long the Apostles are going to be here. "Till we all come in the unity of the Faith, and to the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of stature of the fullness of Christ." That right there are the qualifications. Until we reach that there are going to be Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers.

Why is he going to give us these gifts?

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

An Apostolic Ministry does two things. It grows people up faster than any other ministry. You grow real quickly with an Apostle or you get left behind. Why? Because he is moving at full steam. He is always moving at full steam, he doesn't slow down, and he really doesn't want to wait for anybody. It's more like he says, "Here take all this stuff. Learn it. I'll be back later." It's not that he doesn't care, it's just that he cares for you but he also wants the people that have not heard yet and he wants people helped. So he has this "Go" mentality.

Ephesians 4:15 "but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Let me read that again.

"but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

OK, is there a problem there? It says "grow up into him" doesn't it? I've been all over the country and I read it the same way every time and most every one misses it. I do it on purpose every time because that's the way we read it. We read it to say, "But speaking the truth in love we may grow up "in him" in all things, which is the head, even Christ." The Bible does not say that we will grow up in him.

See, I am here in Indiana. I can grow up in Indiana but I cannot grow up into Indiana. Right? So when it says that you are going to grow up into something you're going to grow up into a person. Well the person that you are going to grow up into is Christ. That's who you are going to grow up into.

Now am I making this up? Is that what it says? Pretty clear. Not taking anything away or adding to or taking from, I don't want my name blotted from the Lamb's Book of Life. So I don't add to or take from. I try to say exactly what it says.

Are we to grow up "in" him? Sure. The Bible tells us to grow in him and to grow up in grace. But that is not what it is saying here. If we're going to grow up in Christ, sooner or later you are going to start looking like him. If you are not looking like him you are not growing up in him. You may be growing up in this or that group but you are not growing up in him.

Here it says that if we speak the truth in love and we have these ministries operating then we will grow up "into" him. That's our goal. It even says it in the beginning. "That we come in the unity of the faith, of the knowledge of the Son of God." Well you are not going to come into the knowledge of the Son of God if you don't grow up into him. Can't do it.

"That we are to grow up unto a perfect man." That's going to be in him. "or unto the measure of the stature of Christ." That's the same thing. "The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Picture this. You step back up against a wall and someone takes a chalk marker and marks around your body. Then you step back and you say. "That's an outline."

Now you take Christ and you put him there. Then you do an outline around him. I guarantee his outline is going to be bigger than your outline. Because you are not grown up into him yet. But whenever you do your part, or the five fold ministry does their job, you will see people grow up into him in all things. When that happens you are going to be able to stand up into that same outline and measure up.

Notice what it says, "That he gave his Apostles" now you can read it by each verse. You can read verse 11 and then read verse 12. Or you can read verse 11 then skip to verse 13 or you can read verse 11 skip to 14 and still know that you are still in scripture. Right? I'm not talking about leaving it out I'm just saying to read why he gave Apostles because it says each one; for, till, that. That all refers back to verse 11. Right? English grammar should dictate that is true.

In verse 14 which follows 11,

"But he gave some Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, 14] that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine."

That is the main ministry of an Apostle. And of a Prophet. The Bible says that the foundation of the church is built upon the Apostles and Prophets. The reason the church has been so messed up is because we have not honored or seen the fullness or the offices or the ministry of the Apostles and Prophets. It scares us when people start claiming those titles.

So what this says is that the Apostle and the Prophet especially (now all 5 of course are involved in this), but what we see is that "that henceforth we be no more children." The Apostle and Prophet are going to grow you up and they're going to grow you up real quick.

An Apostolic ministry is going to hit you in 2 places. They are going to fill your head, your heart with knowledge and then they are going to kick you in the rear and get you out there doing it. That is their purpose. That's all they see is "do". That's the hardest thing about the Apostolic ministry they see a whole lot of "do" and a lot of time they don't pray.

See prayers don't do and doers don't pray. That's the way it generally works. So if you can ever get prayers doing and doers praying you've got something. That's where it has to join together.

The Apostolic and the Prophetic ministry they will grow people up so that "they will be no more children tossed to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine."

What I've been doing this week-end is squelching false doctrine, at least equal too the fact that we are teaching right doctrine. **The best way to squelch wrong doctrine is to teach right doctrine.**

People always want to hear teaching and not doctrine. Well doctrine is teaching. That's what it means.

So the best way to stop falsehood or wrong or error is to produce truth. So you produce this truth and a lot of times the best way to do it is show the 2 side-by-side.

That's what we've been doing this week-end. I've tried to show you the error of the common teaching on being led. The way it's commonly taught. There is a "being led" but it's not the way it's commonly taught.

I've tried to show you the error how people say, "There's a time. God's got a time to be healed." No, the time is now. Today is the day of salvation. Today is the day of healing. Today is the day of deliverance. It's today, not future. It's now.

Believe me when somebody says there is a time they are starting to sound like "I was" sent me. "I will be" sent me. But not "I am" sent me. That's important!

You can analyze doctrine by how you look at these things. You can prove the true by looking at the false side-by-side.

That's one of the main things we do. A lot of the times until we get these wrongs things out of your heads the right things won't take hold! It's like a computer. You can write in there but until you delete some of the files they are still going to be there and they are going start causing confusion.

So you have to bring them forward, produce the truth, and then delete the files and get rid of them. Otherwise you will go back to them. The natural thing to do is to go back to what is common, to what you are used to, what is comfortable. **My job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted.** It's fun and I have a good time doing it.

So that's our job, "to grow up into him in all things, even Christ."

So let's look at a couple of things quickly.

1. Who are called Son's of God in the Bible?

Man:

Luke 3:38 "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

Adam was called the son of God.

Angels: Angels are sometimes called sons of God.

Gen 6:2,4 "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and that they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be 120 years."

(So that's a promise to stand in - 120 years. Even medical science says that there is no reason that a human body should not live to be 120. They tell you that.)

"4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, and the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

Every time that you hear about sons of God in the Bible there is something that stands out. There is something about them. Whether it's angels, men, Adam whatever.

Job 1:6 "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, "whence comest thou?"

See you can see automatically – sons of God.

Job 2:1 "And there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord.

Job 38: 7 "When the morning stars sang together, and all of the sons of God shouted for joy."

So we can see that the sons of God is a common term used for angels.

Jesus:

I John 3: 8 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Jesus is called the Son of God. I hope this is not a revelation to you. If it is you've been in the wrong workshop.

Christians:

I John 3:1 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we

should be called the sons of God.”

We state that so flippantly. “Oh yah, I’m a son of God.” You have no idea what awesome import that has to any human being. For them to even write this back then was almost blasphemous. Matter of fact this is what they were going to stone Jesus over.

He said, “For what reason are you going to stone me?”

They said, “Not for the good works.” He could open the blind eyes, heal the sick. “It was because of you, being a man, calling God your father, make yourself equal to God.”

They said whenever you call God your father you are making yourself equal to God. That’s what they believed. The same thing goes on today, exactly the same thing.

You start talking about being “The Son of God” we’ve got a problem. A big problem there.

You’re not “The” son of God you’re “a” son of God. He was the first born of many brethren and he deserves that rank and that title, that glory, and we magnify Him.

But we have to acknowledge this also according to the scriptures, not according to traditions and all this stuff. Remember tradition doesn’t count. It doesn’t help you. John didn’t say it was amazing that we could have this kind of power. What John said was “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us.” He didn’t say, “Wow, think of the power.” He didn’t say that. He said, “Think of the love that this shows on God’s behalf that He would call us His sons!”

John had a good understanding of it. It’s us that have it messed up. We look at it as such an awesome standing, and it is. We get hung up on titles, positions, and all these kinds of things. That is not the heart of God. God gives you tools. He gives you positions. He gives you a title, an office for one reason. So that you can use it to help others. That’s it! Not so that you can be a big shot. Not so you can strut around. You can walk in with your name tag and title of Apostle, Prophet or whatever but walk in with son of God on one and see what happens. You’d probably would be more accurate than all of the other people. At least you know your right. You don’t know if these other guys are right or not.

He said, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God.” In other words, what an honor that is to us. “Therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.” You get all bent out of shape whenever your unsaved relatives call you a fanatic, call you crazy, holy-roller, whatever what they call you. They call you all kinds of stuff. Been called everything.

My mother-in-law was a Jehovah’s Witness. Imagine what I was called. She looked at me as one of those people that you’re of the devil. In the last days, lying signs and wonders and all this kind of stuff.

You need to look at even that. I showed this to her one time. Think about this. God said in the last days that Satan was going to rise up and give out lying signs and wonders. So if someone comes up to you and says, “Look I’m going to give you this twenty-five dollar bill.” You’re going to say to them, “Thanks, but no thanks. You’re probably needing this more than I do.”

Why? Because there is no such thing as a twenty-five dollar bill. So if Satan is going to jump up and start doing signs and wonders then what that probably means is that signs and wonders are going to be so common in the church that it is not going to look like a counterfeit. Because if there is no such thing you are going to point to him and say, “Wrong.” But God said that it’s going to be so common that even the elect are going to be deceived if it were possible.

So it’s going to be a common thing. You’re going to see people coming in that are able to do signs and wonders and you’re going to go “Wow!” But the thing that’s going to happen out of that is that it is so common but you’re going to be able to tell the difference.

Dr. Lake gave a prophecy on this on May 24, 1934, which also in it gave the prophecy of the person that would pick up the ministry. One of the reasons that his son-in-law Wilford Riedt passed it on to me is because of certain things in the prophecy that he said that I

matched up with.

So that's what brought my attention to this prophecy was when he sent it to me and I started reading this whole thing. He said, "In the last days great darkness shall over take the church. The ground gained will be lost."

Dr. Lake in the early Apostolic, Pentecostal people gained great ground. But then it was lost. He said, "Great darkness would come upon the church. There would come forth prophets and teachers."

Now teachers weren't a big deal back there whenever Dr. Lake was around. The teaching ministry really didn't come out until about the late 70's early 80's. He said that what would happen would be, "these teachers would come out with great visions."

Visions are okay but they are hard to prove. Signs and wonders you can pretty well back those up. You can prove them or disprove them. Visions, it's your word against theirs. So that is why I try to steer away and I have shared some things with you. But I try to steer away from leaning heavily on visions and things like that. I try to stick with the Word of God.

He said that these visions and things that they had, "would elevate them and would put forth false teaching and would draw the people to them rather than draw the people to God."

If you look at the church in the last twenty years that is what that has happened. You can see it. The ones that always have the great visions and all these kinds of things. Reading all this I see how accurate Dr. Lake was.

Some of the other things that he said was, that Wilfred Wright had referred to me was in that, he said that the person that would pick up the ministry would be born when the country would quit growing. Well, America quit growing in 1959 whenever the last 2 states were added to the Union.

He also said that "25 years to the day from his death, then this person, Satan would try to kill this person. So whenever Wilfred Wright got a hold of my testimony and going through some of this stuff, he asked me specific questions concerning me. Because of the answers he believed that I fit that so that is why I'm doing what I'm doing today.

Dr. Lake died September 16, 1935. Twenty-five years to the day from that is September 16, 1960. On September 16, 1960, I was hit by a car. My right ear was ripped completely off my scalp. You can still see the scar behind it. If you saw me on Sid Roth you know it and I'm not going to go into it with any detail. My mom dedicated me to God. It took about 6 ½ hours of surgery for them to put all of this stuff back together. They said I would die. My mom went to praying. They said that I would be in their words, "A vegetable." My mom went back to praying. They said that I would have to hearing in my right ear. My mom went back to praying. They said that I would never have any hair at all. My mom went back to praying. Thank God that she didn't stop at that one. When I went into the Air Force, they shaved my head and I looked like Frankenstein.

All of that matched with the prophecy that Dr. Lake gave and so Wilfred Wright I think that you're the guy that is supposed to pick it up.

Well it also said, "That against this," against the sin and against all the stuff that would come out, "that God would raise up a young man that would be like a John the Baptist kind. A voice crying in the wilderness. A lone voice at one time." But we're not so quite alone any more. We're starting to gain.

That's why people look at me and think that I am arrogant some times. But I tell you I know what I'm doing. We went to Havana, Illinois. They got a hold of it also. Their Pastor took it back to them and took this manual and taught straight out of it. I'm telling you that they've already raised the dead. Three women went to the hospital and raise this guy up. Wouldn't give up. Wouldn't take no.

I've got to admit I'm going to change the book (manual). You know I went through the ABC's? Availability, Boldness, Compassion. D – Determination. Got to add that in. It's not in there but it will be in the revised addition. You have to grab hold, hang on and not let

go.

We have to get where we are ready to wrestle with the angel all night. We don't have to wrestle with that angel though. The angels that we wrestle with are fallen angels. We're not fighting against God. God is not your enemy. He's for you.

Right now we may be looked at as a strange oddity but you watch we are going to change the face of Christianity in America. We are going to do it. How do I know? Because God said that he was going to raise up a voice that would do this. Well, it's not one person's voice. It's the voice of his people. They get a hold of it and then they start doing it. That's how it works. It's not me going around everywhere and preaching it. It's you getting it and doing it. Then giving the testimonies.

I John 3: 2 "Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him. For we shall see him as he is."

Notice, "*now are we the sons of God*" right? But it says "*it doth not appear, but we shall be.*" The Bible says "*as he is, so are we in this world.*" Right? Not "as he was." Remember he is not the lamb technically any more that was on the cross. Now he is the lion. Now he is the ruling king. Now he still has the heart of a lamb but it says when he comes he is going to rule with an iron scepter. See we forget that part of the Jesus. We want the Barney Gospel Jesus. We want the big purple dinosaur, "I love you. You love me." See that's the Barney Gospel. Not that God doesn't love you, He does. But there is more to it than that.

Philippians 2: 15 "That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

Now when I see you shine as lights I think what Jesus said, "Let your lights therefore shine before men through your good works, that they will see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." That's how you are going to shine as lights through your good works. Well you do good works how? Through Jesus Christ and the power of the Spirit.

It's not good works of the Spirit of just taking somebody some soup whenever they're feeling bad. You take them soup and you lay hands on them and heal them. That's how you do it.

Notice what it says after you do that you shine as lights, "holding forth the Word of Life, that I may rejoice in the Christ that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

Paul is saying, "Look you have to grow up or my work in you has been in vain.. I don't want to labor in vain. I'm trying to get this into you. I'm trying to get this to be a part of you. I don't want to labor in vain. I want you to get and grow up."

What is he trying to get them to grow up into? Christ. He had just said that. Grow up into him in all things. Paul wrote that too in Ephesians. Paul didn't have one will for the Philippians and another will for the Ephesians. It was all the same will.

Romans 8: 18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectations of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

It's waiting.

Vs 20, 21 "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but reason of him who has subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

The world is waiting. All creation is waiting, groaning, waiting for us to grow up. Why? Because it knows that until we do we will never set it free. You're not going to set it free.

Just think. As a non-Christian people's lands, their farms, they're cursed because the

ground is cursed. That's a fact. But as a son or daughter of the most high God you can redeem the land. Because God said "Whatever you do I'll bless." If people were smart they'd sell their land to you and then rent it back from you and grow their crops on it. Because if you own the land it should produce more than ever before.

People say, "Man you sound crazy." No, I sound Bible. Your un-renewed mind thinks that sound crazy. This is Bible.

Your land should be blessed. The fruit of your cattle whatever it is should be blessed. Your car should be blessed. You shouldn't have the problems everybody else has. You say, "Well things wear out." Things didn't wear out for the children of Israel whenever they were going through the wilderness for 40 years.

"Well, I just don't believe that." Well you won't have it either! It's that simple. You can have whatever you can believe for. We are living so far below our rights.

Now is this necessary to heal the sick? It is if you are going to get beyond what's already being done in the church. Because **the church today is healing the sick based on a beggar's mentality.**

See we still act like the Syrophenician woman. "Lord, I'll just take the crumbs under your table." He said, "You're my kid. What are you doing under the table? Get up here and sit down and eat." We're not sitting under the table. The Syrophenician woman was under the table. You don't have to take crumbs. Jesus said healing is the children's bread. It belongs to the children.

If I'm taking things out of context somebody stop me. Because I don't see it yet. I'm not telling you anything that I haven't already tried to tear apart from top to bottom. I have gone through it. I have good brothers that will sit there and try to play what we used to call, devil's advocate. Well, that's pretty fitting when you start talking about trying to tear apart scripture.

They would try to come up with arguments. People are going to say this what is your answer.

John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Are you convinced yet that you are a son of God? Are we clear on that so I don't have to belabor this any more?

So let's look at what positions Sons of God occupy.

Position of Dominion:

Gen 1:26 "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness, and let them have dominion.'

That word dominion is number 7287 in Strong's Concordance.

"Let them have dominion over the fish of the seas, the fowl of the air, the cattle, the eart, and over every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth.' And God blessed them and said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, replentish the earth, and subdue it and have dominion (#7287) over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, every living thing that moveth upon the earth.'"

Now who is he talking too? Adam, right? We just saw that Adam was called what? "The son of God." So Adam was a son of God and this is what he gave to the son of God before they fell. Right?

What is dominion:

Strong's 7287: *Ra-dah* - to tread down, to subjugate, specifically to crumble off, to break away.

Translated in the King James Version as to make, to have dominion, to prevail against, to reign, to rule over or to take.

In Brown/ Driver's/ Briggs, which is another Hebrew Dictionary, it means: to rule, to have dominion, to dominate, tread down, to have dominion, to rule, subjugate, to cause to dominate.

When he gave dominion to man he said, "I want you to dominate, to rule, to subjugate, whatever comes up against you control it, conquer it, rule it, take care of it. Nothing will come against you that you can't handle."

Ps 8:4-8 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,"

That word angels is Elohim. It is also the word used for God many times in the Old Testament. It is also used for angels. It is also used for the terms Judges. So by context you have to find out what they are talking about.

"and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands."

He made it and he made man to have dominion over it. That is the position. Now this is in Psalms. This is after the fall.

"over the works of thy hands, thou hast put all things under his feet."

Why? Sound kind of like Jesus doesn't it? "All things under his feet," isn't that what it said? Put it right together, didn't it?

"**All things under his feet**, all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air, fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas."

Now there is another word translated is Strong's for dominion. It's #4910 and it is the *mashal*. It means to rule. It is translated as dominion, to be governor, to reign, to rule, to have power, to have dominion, to cause to rule or exercise dominion.

That is the place of man on the earth. That is what in man's heart. You say, "I don't believe that." Then you tell me why through out history man has always invaded nearby nations and tried to conquer them? Because it is in man's heart to have dominion. I'm not saying that it is right to go into another nation and conquer them. That is the fallen nature still trying to do his calling.

Every man knows he is to worship God. But they don't want to do that so they worship something else. But the urge to worship is created in man. But the urge to have dominion is also in man but he tries to exercise it through fallen nature means rather than through means that God has provided as a born again person.

What position does a son of God occupy? It is a position of dominion. It is a position of authority.

Position of Authority:

As **one with authority** – over diseases, sicknesses, devils.

Isa 45:11 "Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me."

Matt 7:28-29 "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these saying, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

Why, because he was operating as a Son of God. One in dominion. One placed in dominion by God. By nature of his character.

Matt 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power (all authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore,”

Now he was not saying, “I have all power. You haven’t got any of it. So you go.” That’s not what he was saying. He said, “I’ve got all power and you are going in my name. So you take all my power with you. You step out and you talk for me. You speak for me and I’ll be there to back you up.”

“Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Mk 6:7 (Referring to man) “And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits.”

Every time you see a man walking in connection with God, especially as a son of God, you see them operating in dominion. See we look at saying a son of God is something that we are not supposed to say. But it is who you are.

You are not a son of God separate from God. See that’s where you start getting messed up. You start thinking, “I have all this power in and of myself.” Nope!

You take Jesus out of you, you’re scum. If you keep that in mind you will always know who you are and who you are not. That’s the main thing you have to remember. You have to know who Christ is in you and who you are in Christ. You don’t ever want to forget that.

Matt 9:37 “Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

Laborers have a job to do. It’s the same job he was sent to do. If you are going to do it you are going to do the same job with the same tools and the same power. That’s the way it works.

Matt 10: 1 “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.”

When he gave that power he not only gave power, he gave authority. He did not give ability. That’s important. He gave authority. He did not give ability until the day of Pentecost.

You have to remember this. If you get a hold of this, this will change your life. This one thing.

I started looking at the disciples before the day of Pentecost and after it. What made them different before as after. Before they were healing the sick and doing all this kind of stuff. But do you know what the difference is? Before they were operating under delegated authority. Go and do these things: heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils. So what made that different after the day of Pentecost? Before they were operating in delegated authority.

At the day of Pentecost, when the baptism of the Spirit came and the fullness of the Spirit, they were no longer operating in delegated authority. Now they are operating in power of attorney. Total difference.

Delegated authority says you have the right to do this, this, and this and nothing more. Power of attorney says, “You go in my name, you put my name on things and whatever you say I’ll back up. You have power to act for me.”

Power of Attorney, do you know they don’t even have to ask you what you think about it? Now think about this. I’m going to stretch you and see how religious you are today.

We think we have to go to God and get an answer for everything. “God can I do this? Can

I do that?" Should you pray? "Yes." You should pray without ceasing. You do that if you keep an open communication with God. You don't see Jesus every time he goes to heal someone looking up and asking, "This one? You sure?"

He acted under the authority that God had given him. He was a man baptized in the Spirit, anointed of the Spirit and that baptism, he said that we are going to be baptized with the baptism I have. So he was baptized with the baptism of the Spirit. He had the same Spirit, same works, same anointing everything. As such you never see him asking God about doing anything. He acted in God's behalf. He said that all I'm doing is what I see my Father doing. That's all you are doing is what you see Jesus do. In such you do the same thing he did and you know when you do that you're doing the same thing you see your Father do.

So it's power of attorney. You don't have to ask him about anything concerning things that are revealed. Now whether you go to this city and set up a house or take this job, yes you ask specifics. Any man lack wisdom, let him ask. God will give it to you.

In the reveal will of God the specifics, lay hands on the sick, it's pretty clear. You don't see him begging. You don't see asking. You see him doing.

You say, "Yes, but he spent all night in prayer."

Yes, but it was not getting specific direction on what he was going to do the next day. If that was true he was not operating in faith the next day. He was operating on some special leading that God had given him. He walked by faith just like you and I do.

I do believe that God showed him things just like the Holy Spirit will show you things. But he did not get to the point where it took away from faith. He still had to walk by faith.

Why? Because faith pleases God. He said, "I always do those things that pleases the Father." Isn't that what he said? So he had to do things by faith just like you and I do.

He had to live by the Golden Rule. Do you realize that he had to live by Matthew 7:12? He had to do that. He had to do unto others and he would want them to do unto him. He had to do that. He could not tell somebody else to do that and him not do it. That's called a hypocrite. He told the Pharisees, about them, that's why you're a low life basically. That's why you are such a problem in the church. You put burdens on men that you don't live by. You think he is going to turn around and do the same thing? No.

He walked just like you and I do. That's all he did. He just went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil. He didn't get special direction on everything. There were times when he did but it was because he needed it. Whenever you need it you'll get it. In the mean time just do the general. It will be there.

It is a position of responsibility and duty. A position of a servant to all (Mankind, servant) but master to devils. You serve man. You're a master over devils and you are a son of God. That's where you are. Every devil has to bow to you. Why? Because you carry the name of Jesus. It is your name.

It says that everything in heaven and earth is named after him. The church, we are his body. My spirit doesn't have a name and my body have another name. Curry Blake is spirit, soul, and body. See what I'm saying. Everything about me is Curry Blake. Same thing with you.

Same thing with Jesus. We are his body. His body is Jesus. His Spirit is Jesus. His Soul is Jesus. You're his body. You're his hands. You're his feet. You're his mouth. You're his eyes. In that sense you are Jesus to the world.

Now you have to know that you are not "The Jesus" in a sense that all of him and you are not a reincarnation in that sense. You have to remember that. That's where people start getting off.

Mk 10: 44 "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matt 7:12 “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Luke 17:10 “So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you”

Now listen to this, not religiously, just listen to what Jesus said. It is so simple we miss it.

“So likewise you, when you have done all those things commanded you (When you do the Bible and all those things you’re supposed to be doing.) say, “We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.”

You don’t look at it like, “Alright, now I’ve achieved something. I’m walking right with God.”

No, you say, “No, No, No, all I’m doing is what I’m commanded to do.”

If I’m a manager of someplace the last thing I want is somebody that all they do is what I tell them to do. That is not a good servant. That’s not a good employee. It’s not somebody that I want. They are costing me more than they are worth. I don’t want somebody that I have to tell them everything to do.

I want them to say, “What is our business? Our business is to do this, to provide this, to these people. Whatever falls in line with that, do it.” You do whatever is necessary. You do that you will progress in whatever company you are in. You do whatever is necessary for the company to turn a profit.

God is no different only his profit is not money, it’s people. Whatever you do, whatever you see to put your hand to. I Samuel 10:7, whenever the Holy Spirit come upon you, you turn into a new man. You have the power of the Spirit upon you. Whatever you find to put your hand to, do it. Do as occasion serves you. I’m telling you – Power of Attorney. It all comes together.

You’re a child of God, son of God, filled with the Spirit, you have everything that he’s got. You’ve got his mind. You’ve got the mind of Christ the Bible says. You have the Spirit of God to lead and guide you for whatever the mind of Christ doesn’t cut it. You know you don’t understand something. You need special direction. You’ve got it. That’s for those individual things. Power of Attorney – go and do.

When you come back you say, “I’ve done all of that.” You’re an unprofitable servant. Why? You have just done what is commanded. Don’t just do what is commanded do more. Find stuff to do. Find things to put your hand to.

Didn’t God say that he would bless everything that you put your hand to? Well, start putting your hands on things like people. He’ll bless them.

See we think – Oh, Money; Oh, Cars. Wrong. God doesn’t care about cars, he doesn’t care about money, houses. He cares about people.

Heaven is going to be full of people not cars or money. He cares about people. Touch people

What does a Son of God Act Like?

Let’s look at the **attributes of Jesus:**

Fruits of the Spirit:

Galatians 5:22-25 – (This is known as the Fruit of the Spirit. You want to know what a son of God looks like? These are them.) “But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.”

You do these things you are committing no crime, no sin. The Bible says where there is no transgression of the law there is no sin. To have sin there has to be a transgression of the

law. You have to break the law of God.

There is no law against these. You do these you will never be in sin because you are not breaking a law. That's why he put that in there.

“and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If you live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

Gifts of the Spirit

The attributes of Jesus are going to be the Gifts of the Spirit.

I Corinthians 12: 8-10 “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.”

These are gifts. You say, ‘but what if I only have one gift?’ Even if you did, first off you have the gift of the Holy Ghost. He has all nine so all nine are resident within you if need be. But let's just say, we could start right here. We have nine people here and each one of you have one of the nine gifts. Then we start all over again. If we go all the way through here and count everybody and divide it up by nine we will have that many each gift. You see how that works.

We think we are trying to get a gift. It doesn't say that he is going to give some of you a gift. It says to one and to another and to another and to another. That word “another” means another of the same kind. Exact same type. If you have the same heart, he'll give to each person of the same heart, different gifts to operate in. The heart of God. The heart of compassion. That's what moves him.

Everybody in here has a gift. Don't think you are waiting for a gift. You're not waiting. Now you can what ever gift you want because he says to covet the best gift. He said desire gifts. He's not going to tell you to covet a gift that you want then say, “You want it? You aren't getting it.”

If he tells you to covet the gift that you want, if he's not going to give it to you then he shouldn't ever tell you to covet that gift. He doesn't say covet “this” gift, per se. He said covet the best gift. Desire the best gift. So, if he wants you to desire and he doesn't tell you what gift that is and he leaves it up to you, then he's going to give you the desire of heart. But you have to desire it.

A son of God does what pleases the Father:

John 8: 29 “and he that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.”

You want to know that God is with you? Do those things that please him.

What pleases God? Faith. What does it take faith to do? Heal the sick. There you go, go do it. Step out.

You say, “I don't know that they are going to get healed.” That's why they call it faith. If you know it's not faith. Faith is not what you see. It's what you believe and that which you step out in it. It's not something that you already see.

For there to be faith there has to be some possibility of it not coming to pass. But if you are standing on the Word of God there is no possibility of it not coming to pass. But you have to step out. The stepping out is the faith.

He speaks the words of the Father

John 3:34 “For he who God hath sent speaketh the words of God, for God giveth not

the Spirit by measure unto him.”

Now I want to ask you something. The Bible says that God did not give the Spirit unto Jesus by measure, right? Are you the body of Christ or not? Then we have been given the Spirit without measure.

Believe me there are enough Christians that are not using their measure of the Spirit. That if you use a little extra nobody will ever notice. The lights in heaven aren't going to dim because you put too much drain on the power of heaven.

Does the works of the Father: John 8:29 which we read before.

Destroys the works of the devil. That's what a son of God does. Jesus said, *“as the Father hath sent me, so send I you.”*

I John 3: 8 “for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

If that's why he's manifested, that's why God sent him. If God sent him to do that then Jesus said, *“as my Father sent me so sent I you.”* That's why you're sent to destroy the works of the devil.

Now Jesus broke the devil's back but you're going to have to put your foot on his back and pull out the spoils yourself. That's why we are more than conquerors. We really don't have to fight that much. We just go in there and take what's already been plundered.

Acts 10: 38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power,”

God never anoints anybody but with the Holy Ghost and power. You get the Holy Ghost you also get the power. There is no such thing as Holy Ghost without power. The Holy Ghost is power. He is power.

“who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

John 10: 10 “the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

That's why you're sent. *That they might have life and have it more abundantly.* That's your job to give them life and more abundantly. Not to hold back.

Seek those that are lost:

Luke 19: 10 “for the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

That's what your job is.

In that area of Spiritual Dominion, we need only to see a few things clearly to change our lives and the lives of all those we meet forever. If you will earnestly seek to have the truths that I am about to share with you engrafted into your heart, you will walk upon this earth like Jesus, as God intends you to do.

The Bible says that **if you are in him you are to walk even as he walked.** That's what the Bible says. That isn't what your traditions says.

Truth #1: God intended man to have and walk in dominion on the earth not in heaven. You don't need dominion in heaven. There are no enemies up there to fight. The enemies are here.

You notice that God gave the Israelites the Promised Land but they had to go in and take it. There were in the Promised Land but they had to fight in the Promised Land. Well heaven is not a type of Promised Land. This is the Promised Land. Still are going to go to heaven but this is our Promised Land and we can take the land. How are we going to do it? By destroying the works of the devil.

Truth #2: Man forfeited that position of dominion by acting on Satan's word instead of acting on God's word. Every time you act on Satan's word you forfeit your dominion.

Every time he tells you to do something and you don't do it, guess what? Fear is an anointing to fulfill the will of the devil. That's what it is.

Truth #3: When man forfeited his position of dominion, he also forfeited his position of fellowship and communion. (Fellowship, Communion and Dominion are not different positions. They are all one in the same.) You have dominion because you have fellowship and communion. That's why you have dominion. If you don't have fellowship and communion you don't have dominion.

Truth #4: God wanted man in a position of fellowship and dominion so much that he was willing to sacrifice Jesus to return man to his original position. Did Jesus accomplish that? If Jesus did not put you back into a place where man had been before the fall then what you are saying is that Satan's work in Adam was greater than God's work in Jesus. Jesus either replaced us back to our position of original dominion or Satan's work went deeper and accomplished more than God's work through Jesus.

Truth #5: Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. By his life he showed us how to live on earth as a man anointed of the Spirit, walking in dominion. That's what he was doing. He did nothing on this earth as "The Son of God" in the sense of "power as God". He did it as a man as a son of God with the anointing of the Spirit.

If I have a car that worth say \$100.00. I want to get rid of it, sell it. Put a sign on it "Best offer." Somebody comes up and says, "How much do you want for that car?" I know the car isn't worth \$50.00 but I want as much as I can get out of it. I give the guy a high price and let him bring me down on it. "I'll take \$1,000 for it."

He gives me \$1000. I'm thinking, "I got a good deal."

Now is that car worth \$1000 to that man? Yes. It has to be. He paid it. It may not be worth it to me. To me the car is not worth \$50 because I know all about it. To him that car "Is" not could be but "Is" worth \$1000. How do you know? He paid it. So whatever you pay for something that's how much it's worth.

So the Father paid Jesus for you. That's what you're worth.

You say, "I'm not worth Jesus." Not to you. You know that you're a piece of junk but God said, "I paid that price. To Me you're worth the blood of Jesus. You're worth his life. It is more worth for him to not be on the earth for me to have you. It is worth that to me."

That's what you're worth to Him. Do you see that?

Truth #6: Jesus did His part. If we are not back into our original position before God, then Jesus' sacrifice was not as good as Adam's sin was bad.

Truth #7: We, being the body of Christ, are to walk as Jesus upon the earth, being for others what Jesus was and is for us. We are to be deliverers of those who are bound by Satan, as Jesus did. Jesus showed us how by having fellowship and communion with our heavenly Father, and freely giving what we have freely received.

End of Study # 7

Healing Truths That Destroy Traditions

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This is from Dr. Lake on April 22, 1911. This was while Dr. Lake was still in South Africa. It says:

Dear Sister In Christ,

Enclosed find some letters with incidents of what the Lord is doing among us. Reverend Stevenson had arranged for us with a friend for the circulation of the letter which you find enclosed. I regard it as a

striking example of the force with which this gospel comes to people of open minds and was pleased to have the judgment of a man of his caliber concerning the work.

This man had come down to Dr. Lake's works in South Africa, watched what went on, went back and wrote a letter to everybody saying, "You wouldn't believe what is actually happening."

Dr. Lake, even in his letters that he wrote to the United States and told people, even in his diary, he didn't write everything that went on. He wrote some letters to America. Some people wrote back and said, "It isn't true. He's making that up. It's too wild, there are too much going on, there's too people getting healed. It's impossible."

So after that, once you get your hands slapped, kind of like that even when you are telling the truth, you still hold back. You're not as quick to put things out because people don't believe it. Nobody wants to see the work of God ridiculed or even blasphemed. So you start to hold back some things.

There are some things that happened in Africa when I was there in 1997 that I probably told maybe 2 or 3 people. Just because you would just think I was crazy. But I tell you, things happened over there. Most things which you don't have anything to do with. We saw some amazing things take place.

Some times you hold back because you know people won't believe you. People have this mind set well only Jesus could do that. Well guess what? Only Jesus did do it this time too. That's your whole problem. We still have this idea that we are separated from him and we're not. We're with him, together. He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Not two but one.

Anyway, this man came into Dr. Lake and he was saying about this man.

"It was good to have him here. Of course, he viewed the work on a day when the Spirit of God was moving mightily. I was an extraordinary day therefore it is only fair to say that all our meetings do not have the same degree of power that was in that one."

That right there should tell you the type of character that this man (Dr. Lake) was. Somebody comes down and watches one meeting and then has to go back. Thank God it was a great meeting, the power of God was really there. But that wasn't the normal. But this man had enough integrity to tell that.

He could have as easily said, "That service. That was nothing. That was one of the lighter ones." See you could build that up. It happens all of the time. I go places that I was in the meeting and then I hear somebody describe the meeting to me and I'm thinking, "Were we in the same meeting?"

Here he says,

"However, we praise God that the Lord is moving strong and steady and clearly. I'm reminded to write you through the reading of Mrs. Anderson's testimony as it appears in the Triumphs of Faith."

Triumphs of Faith was book that Carrie Jude Montgomery wrote every week.

He said,

"I haven't the copy of a letter that I wrote some time ago to a missionary by the name of Hoover at Valparaso, Chile. On the subject of divine healing which embodies (now this letter embodies according to Dr. Lake) what I regard the secret of the aggressive ministry of healing that the Pentecostal movement of South Africa demonstrates.

"I do not know that I will be able to send you a copy of that letter at this time but at my earliest convenience I will have a copy prepared and send it to you."

So whatever he wrote in this letter, apparently, was what he considered the secret of what made the movement in South Africa strong and to have the power that it did. I have not seen this letter but I some one who says they have and it can be summed up in Romans 8:19.

"Waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Dr. Lake said, "That is what made the difference." That is the essence of what he was preaching and teaching. I'm telling you that God is directing this thing. It has just made such a difference because it gives you that burst to go forward.

Moving on because you need to hear what he said.

"I feel sister that there is a step in this ministry in advance of what the movement (early Pentecostal movement) in general enjoys. And God has laid it deeply on my soul to present the particular faze of the exercise of the dominion of Jesus Christ."

He said, "That's the main thing that God is directing him into is in demonstrating the dominion, and exercising the dominion, of Jesus Christ." That's the whole thing. If you've been in this whole series of meetings that is the one thing you keep hearing. It's not about healing. Healing is one aspect.

It's like looking at a person from one viewpoint. You know a person at work. All you know about them their job and what they do. That's just the tip of the iceberg. Their life is something totally different just as your life is different from you being at work.

God is totally different. There are other aspects of Him other than just healing. But healing tends to be the focal point that the world needs; and at this time, the church needs. It has to be there. The church needs to be healed and healing is a part of salvation. It's not separate. It's not healing and salvation and deliverance. Healing is a part of salvation.

Do you notice whenever Jesus sent people out he did not say, "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils and get people saved?" He considered healing the sick, raising the dead and casting out devils as getting people saved. You see that? It was all a part of salvation.

Now he said, "Preach the gospel of the Kingdom." He preached the gospel of the Kingdom. What did he say? "He was anointed to proclaim liberty to the captives." That's the gospel. "You're free. Come serve God freely. You're free." Why wouldn't you want to serve him?

That's the dominion of Jesus Christ that he was exercising. This is not your typical Christianity. This is not what you normally hear but it is the Christianity of the Bible.

You say, "**What's wrong with our Christianity?**"

You tell me. Look at it. It's sick, weak. It's a laughing stock in the world. Why? Because it preaches a God it can't produce. When you do that you become what the Bible says, "A man who boasteth of a gift that he does not have is like clouds and wind without water." That's what it says.

So whenever you boast of the power of the Holy Ghost because can speak in tongues, and yet you can't lay hands on the sick and get them well, you are a person that boasts of a gift that you don't possess. What that makes you is like clouds and wind without water.

What does that mean? You have to remember who that was written too. The Hebrews they say clouds and winds, and even Jesus was talking about it. He said when you see clouds in the distance you know that there is going to be rain, there's going to be a storm, this kind of thing coming in.

Well they saw that as a good thing. Why? Because rain meant life. It grew the crops. They were glad to see clouds and winds and rain come in. But he said, "On the other hand you see clouds and wind and you think it's going to be a rain storm come in and you are all happy. But when it gets here its clouds and wind with no rain."

Whole bunch of noise. Whole bunch of hoop-la but no life. Whole bunch of excitement. The Pentecostal movement, the Charismatic Movement, whatever you want to call it, has become exactly that. We make noise, but we can't produce.

When you do that you harden the world. You harden their hearts against the gospel. You have to be able to produce.

Why do you think Jesus said, "Stay at Jerusalem until you be clothed with power from on high." He knew that you go out and talk it and can't produce it, the next person that comes along behind you is going to have twice as hard a time. They have to come back and convince the person first off that it is even possible.

We need as the body of Christ today it's one step that we need to do. It's to get on your face. Get before God and don't get up until you get it. You say, "Give me power over all of the power of the enemy or I die right here. I'm not leaving with out it." That's what you have to have.

If you don't have the power over all the power of the enemy what good are you? What good is an army that can't do anything against its enemies? It's no good.

There are armies all across the world. They march, they have the bands, they have the pretty uniforms but they can do nothing unless America saves them. Every time they get in trouble they call us and we run over there. Why, because we have the power to back it up. We don't just threaten we follow through.

Only a bully threatens. You threaten 2 or 3 times and you can't do anything your threats are useless. You get in the devil's face and tell him stuff and them back down 2 or 3 times he'll laugh at you the next time. You have to be able to produce. The only way to do that is getting a hold of Him. That comes from getting on your face and saying, "Nothing else matters."

You say, "Well I can't just stay there until I get it. I have a job and this and that."

I know that. I don't envy that in the sense that you're going to have to do something more like A A Allen did. He went to his job every day and then came home every evening, locked himself in his closet and said that he was not coming out. I'm fasting and seeking God. He even had his wife to lock him in the closet so that he couldn't get out. He had to do that because he kept breaking that vow when he smelled food so he had her lock him in.

You just have to decide also. If you need to do that do whatever it takes. Some times you need some help to get started.

I'm not hiding anything from you. I'm giving you everything that I have used to do what I'm doing. You can take these nuggets and you can fill in the blanks. Know why? You have the Holy Ghost. He'll teach you just like he taught me and just like he taught Dr. Lake and just like he teaches anybody. If he doesn't then you need to get a hold of him. If you're not in contact with him then he's no good to you.

It's not about coming to me. That's the whole point. If you don't get that, then you've missed my message. My message is "God wants to use you not just me." I'm not Benny Hinn. I'm not somebody that you've got to get somebody too. Now if you want to get somebody to me, sure I'll pray. But that is not the point. You can pray.

I can tell when you get it. You'll quit bringing people to me. You'll start doing it yourself.

Now he says:

"God has laid it deeply on my soul to present the particular faze of the exercise of the dominion of Jesus Christ, and that the secret of our success here in this ministry is in our teaching our workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost."

That's what he said. "The secret of what we are doing is teaching our workers to exercise dominion."

I'll give you an example. In 1919 Dr. Lake was in Chicago. He was at a large Pentecostal conference up there. Everybody got together. Everybody is getting around talking about divine healing. They're all sitting around talking. Somebody gets up and preaches, gives a good message on divine healing. Why it's real, why it works, how it works, you know all these different things.

On the fifth day they called on Dr. Lake. He'd had some experience. He had the healing rooms. He'd been to South Africa. He was known. "Let's let him speak. Let's hear what he's got to say."

People don't beat paths to people's doors. Like Dr. Sumrall, you could walk up to his front door anytime. Why, because people don't run to their door whenever they have that "umph" in them. If you're producing, people don't always run to you. Most of the time they are scared of you.

They say things like, "You're too intimidating." Only to the devil. If you're intimidated, get up here and let me put hands on you and get that thing out of you. I only intimidate the devil or religious folks.

Dr. Lake got up. After all this week they heard all this preaching on healing. I'm sure it was good stuff. Dr. Lake gets up and they are expecting a long sermon. He gets up and says, "We've heard good teaching. Good preaching on divine healing. But one good demonstration is worth weeks of teaching. Who in here is sick?"

People raised their hands. He said, "Come up here." He got them up on the platform and set them in chairs. Went down the line and talked to each one. "What's wrong with you?" "This and this." "In the name of Jesus be healed."

Exercised dominion. Nine out of ten were healed instantly. He wanted to know why number ten didn't get it. Sent him off in a side room. They talked to him. Came back in and the person said, "OK I think we are ready to deal with this one." They set him down and ministered to him. Healed instantly. Ten out of ten. He said, "That's divine healing."

Not talking about it. Not preaching about it. Demonstrating it. That's divine healing. That's what it comes down to. We hear sermons on it. It has become a doctrine. We can talk about the doctrine for days.

You really haven't heard me teach much on healing in here. Not really. Now you may think you have because you've seen it. But for the most part what you've heard is me talking about you exercising the dominion of Jesus Christ through your life, to defeat the enemy, to set people free. That's divine healing.

I haven't come up here and talked about, "OK, this is why healing is real. See it says here and see that proves healing." I haven't really done that this time. If I teach you on healing you can know healing. But then somebody comes with a devil then all of a sudden its, "I don't know about Deliverance."

Or "I need help in my finances." "Well I can't really help you there."

But I can teach you dominion and it works in every area.

If I was a good marketer, I would set up a healing seminar and come in and teach healing. And say, "Now if you need to know about Deliverance I can come back and do a seminar on Deliverance." I could set it up where I would come back up and do a Deliverance seminar and tell you basically the same thing but insert "Deliverance" instead of "Healing." Have a whole bunch of another set of tapes that people would buy and then come back later and do the same thing on Prosperity. Do a third seminar on Prosperity. Teach the same principles.

I'm trying to get you something that works now. You know why? People are dying where you are. It's

more important that you get people healed and keep them alive than it is that I sell another tape series.

I'm going to have to answer. Not to you but to God. That's what we forget a lot of times. We're going to answer to God for what we do.

You say, "I'm a Christian. I don't get judged any more."

You need to read your Bible. Somebody has done lied to you.

Now to finish reading the real quick. He says:

"It is in teaching our workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost and what He has already put in their soul when he baptized them in the Holy Ghost."

See most of you have something that you don't even know what you've got. You don't know what you've got. You have the power of Almighty God dwelling in you in the person of the Holy Spirit.

Now I'm going to take it a step further in just a minute. You're going to see something here that I think will change your life. I know I say this but each one of these things changed my life to a degree. Each one I look at as signposts that help me get a little better focused, little better direction.

See God will give you short little things as bait. He'll see if you'll bite. If you do then he'll unfold things to you. If you don't he says, "OK, you're not ready. I'll come at you later maybe. If I don't give it to somebody else first."

One time God did that to me. I was driving down the road and he said, "Confirming the Word." Just that little "confirming the Word. Well I know the scriptures so obviously he's talking about Mark 16. "OK God what do you want." When he does that I know he's trying to tell me something. "What are you trying to tell me? Confirming the Word."

Then I started hearing, "Get the message right."

"Get the message right? Oh, I see. You're confirming the word." Once I bit, then he started opening up.

He started saying, "If you want more confirmation of the Word, preach more Word that I can confirm." He was showing to me that if he confirms word that is not accurate he becomes a partner to a lie. That's why you don't see things in most churches.

If there is a little bit of truth there he can confirm it a little bit but he can't do too much. If he did then people would say, "Well this happened. So all of that must be true." He won't do that. He would rather this would go unconfirmed than to have a lie brought in. That's the way Satan does. Satan puts in a little bit of truth and a whole lot of lie. So he won't confirm it and then we don't see things.

So then he started saying, "Get the message right and you will have more confirmation of the Word."

I asked, "What's wrong with my message?"

Then he started showing me. "You're telling people this." Now I wasn't preaching on the scale that I am now but I was still preaching when anybody would ask me.

But I was preaching typical teaching that is taught in typical, some circles that I'm not going to name. Then I some of the stuff that I had learned from Dr. Lake and I was putting them kind of together and seeing that it was clearing some things out. But there was still stuff that was going wrong.

So I went back to the Bible and started looking. How did I miss this, it was so obvious. When you read this stuff that we've be sharing, when you look at it, it's just scripture. This isn't something that we have to take another book to look at. This is just scripture.

How can we so blind to plainly miss this stuff? Once you see it, I have people all of the time, "This is so simple. Why didn't I see that before?"

I don't know that's the same thing that I have been asking myself. But it is simple but we've confused it.

So that's what God was telling me. Get the message right and he'll confirm it. The more accurate the message the more confirmation. As we get the message more and more accurate, as time goes on, more and more things happen, more and more accuracy, more and more confirmation.

What I'm preaching now, I'm believing with all my heart, is the absolute Word of God. I don't know of anywhere where I'm wrong or missing it. I don't know it. If there is I pray to God that he would show me so that I can refine it, adjust it a bit, get it fine tuned and get this things going right on.

Then he says, "To exercise the dominion and what he has already put in our souls, when he has baptized them in the Holy Ghost. While in other branches of this work," in other words this typical Pentecostal Movement, "they still follow largely the old line of intercession for the sick."

See he said that he was different. He separated himself from them. They still say, "Oh, God. Please heal this person. Lord, heal them, touch them, walk through here and touch their fevered brow Lord with you mighty hand. Set them free, Lord, Oh in Jesus name." And they would beg and plead and intercede.

He said, "We don't do that." That was totally separate from what he did. He said, "We exercise dominion. We tell it to go!"

See the beauty of that is he wasn't in religious circles where he was. He was in Africa. He went over there and was only the person basically preaching the Pentecostal message. He had nobody to tell him or come against him in that way. So he was able to do things freely and openly and to try things differently without fear of anybody coming against him.

He said,

"We do not pray for God to come and heal as in the old days. But, looking into His face, believing that he has baptized us in the Holy Ghost, and that we have received that power through that baptism, we command in the Name of Jesus the devil and his works to depart.

"Nevertheless, dear sister. There are instances, when God puts the spirit of real intercession on us even for the sick upon you."

He's saying, "I'm not saying that never happens." He said, "That is not the way we train his people. That's not the way we normally do it. But there are times. God is still sovereign, he can still come upon you for a certain reason and do certain things in certain ways. We're not discounting that at all."

I think that's what you've heard in these meetings. I'm not saying that God never leads you specially. I'm saying is, "Don't wait for it!" That's all I'm saying.

Matter of fact. You start acting on the word of God, you'd be surprised how often those leadings come. Think about it, you are going to get out there and make a whole log of mistakes. You're going to get somebody's attention real quick. They're going to come out there and try to fix you real quick. So just go out there and start doing it and God is going to have to come.

Even if you are doing it wrong, he is going to show up to keep you from messing up too bad.

Then he says,

"Nevertheless dear sister, there are instances when God puts the Spirit of real intercession even for the sick upon you. And in each instance it is not the exercise of dominion for the sick alone. Yet I am convinced that there is a secret and better place of interceding for the sick and exercising a dominion of God over the devil and his sicknesses that when learned by the Pentecostal Movement will put the ministry of healing miles in advance of where it is now."

This is 1911. See something that you don't realize. Dr. Lake went through a whole lot. Half of his family died from sickness and disease. Sixteen brothers and sisters, eight of them dead. He said his childhood all he could remember he didn't have a happy childhood. He remembered funerals, hearses, grave sites, that was his childhood memories. People dying, his brothers and sisters dying, his wife almost died.

On April 28, 1898, she was healed instantly by prayer under Dr. Alexander Dowie. When he saw that, then his brother got healed, he was on a stretcher, and he was healed instantly. So he said, "This man knows something."

Now listen to this. Lake didn't have a healing ministry at that point. He had heard about it. He'd seen it and he was intrigued by it. He had a desire for it. He made a statement.

He said, "I'm moving to Zion, Illinois, (Where Dr. Dowie was at) to study divine healing so I can teach it."

He didn't even have a healing ministry at that time.

See we think God just looked down here and said, "John G Lake. Hmmm. Sounds like a healer's name. Poof, there you go, anointed to heal." That is not the way it came.

He had a hunger and a desire. He chased after it. He went to the man that he knew had it and said, "I want to know it. Teach me." He watched Dowie, worked for Dowie in the building department and followed him around. Talked with him. Argued with him, debated with him, questioned him and he got a hold of the healing ministry.

Later in his ministry he did things similar to Dowie but different. Dowie only prayed for one out of ten people basically. He would ask them, "Are you a sinner? Are you a Christian? Do you sin? Do you smoke? Do you cuss? You know all of these things. I'm not going to pray for you. You go get right then I'll pray for you."

Lake took it a step further. He said, "You know I don't see God using healing as a coercion to bring people to him. I see the goodness of God healing people and then that goodness of God drawing men to repentance. I'll pray for anybody and God will heal anybody. Sinners, saints, Jew, Catholic does matter to

me. God will heal anybody.” He learned but he took it a step further.

I expect that anybody that gets serious with this I will hear about and I hope, and I expect, that I will hear where they heard me say this and this and it got them to thinking and now they are doing it this way. I’ll go “Wow, that’s cool. That’s right let’s do it that way.” I expect to pick up things from you. I expect you to take the ministry of healing and to extend it further.

I’m running as fast as I can with it. I’m trying to extend it as far as I can and we’ll just see who gets out there the quickest. The only thing I do is stay scriptural. That’s the only pre-requisite. Stay scriptural. Don’t get into weird stuff.

There’re other things that you can do. There’s other ways that you can minister healing to people and it will work.

The far eastern methods, the acupuncture, chi meridian manipulation that stuff works. You don’t want to get involved with it though. The healing rooms up in Spokane right now are opening up a healing room, which I’m not a part of and do not associate with. They do not teach Dr. Lake’s material. They do things that are highly questionable and I’m being very kind when I say that. I’d like to say it much stronger but I will not get over into sin.

Right now they are opening up healing rooms in up in North Carolina and they have joined with a church up there, that I’ve been to that church and started preaching against New Age practices, and the pastor shut me down. He said that I am not going to preach against that because I’ve got people in here that do that. Then I’m not going to be associated with any healing room out of this because you’re going to be doing that. Those people doing that are going to be laying hands on people and you’re going to be giving them New Age devils. I’m not going to be a part of that.

They went to Cal up in Spokane and he said, “Sure.” Opened them right up. So there are healing rooms there and people are going to go there thinking that it has something to do with John G. Lake and it doesn’t at all. And those people are going to get devils and I’m going to have to deal with it.

That’s why I’m very vocal with these things. I want people to know. If it does not say John G. Lake or John G. Lake Ministries affiliate, I’ve got nothing to do with it. So just because you see healing room doesn’t mean that it is part of us. Just because you see something about John G. Lake in it.

They can’t use the name John G. Lake in the title. They can in their material, talking about healing rooms. But if it does not say John G. Lake Ministries or John G. Lake Healing Room in that title it doesn’t have anything to do with us. If you find something that says that please send it to me. If they don’t have anything to do with us and they use that name I guarantee I will shut them down. I’ll go to court. I’ll protect people as much as I can.

You know Pharham and a man named Durum had a fight similar to this and one was teaching one thing and one was teach another. Parham stood up and said, “I’ll tell you what, let’s let God be the judge and the man who’s doctrine is correct, let the other man pay with his life.” In other words, “God, You judge. The one that is right, kill the other one.” Within a month the other man was dead. Dropped dead of a heart attack.

Any way back to the letter. Lake said,

“I’m convinced that there is a secret and a better place of interceding for the sick and exercising a dominion of God over the devil and his sicknesses that when learned by the Pentecostal Movement will put the ministry of healing miles in advance where it is now.”

He had seen tremendous things already by that point. I have letters as far back to the early 20’s and early 30’s. God is trying to do something in me. I’m just not small enough yet.

He wrote one thing to a brother up in Zion, Illinois, saying, “I am trying to make myself small enough. I know God is trying to change something and trying to make an adjustment in the ministry, I want you to pray for me and pray with me so that I will be able to do this change.”

So even at that point Dr. Lake realized that God was not able to do all that he wanted to do.

You are starting where he was at after he had already seen God do great and mighty things. He had just gotten a hold of a revelation of the Word of God. You’re starting there.

See we don’t have to go back and reinvent the wheel. We can pick up where he left off and go further. Now he says,

“Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

He said, “it was through the healing of a young man from Detroit Michigan, in your faith home in Buffalo, that my interest for this ministry was first captured. But it was not until many years afterwards when, through the teaching of John Alexander Dowie that I really grasped the thing so that the knowledge of the ministry became vital.”

When he said "Vital" he meant "alive" in him. Like vital forces.

"And it was only after I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost that the dominion of God entered into my soul that compelled me to command sicknesses and the devil to leave rather than to intercede with the Lord to take them away."

See he got a hold of it. Read what Jesus did. He never prayed for the sick!

In James it says to pray the prayer of faith. The prayer of faith, if uttered by anyone it was uttered by Jesus, was not "Lord, if by thy will. Lord, if you can. Lord, Please." It was, "Be healed." He cast them out with "a word." "Go." That "a word." That's how he cast them out.

It's very, very simple. We have drug this thing on and made it long and hard and complicated and it's not. Our complications, our traditions have made the Word of God of none affect.

You say, "How has it made it of none affect?" Because you don't believe what it says.

He said, "Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

We think we have to lay hands on the sick and pray. You don't even have to pray. It doesn't say, "lay hands on the sick and pray." It says, "Lay hands on the sick." There are many times that I don't even say a word. I put my hands on somebody I expect them to get well and walk off.

You go up to somebody you don't have to say, "OK. In Jesus name you're going to be healed." You don't have to do that. You can walk up to them and start talking to them and put your hand on their shoulder. As you're talking to them you can say, "you know what? God wants to heal you. You're going to be feeling better. You watch." They'll look at you like "What are you talking about?"

You walk off. What's going to happen? They're going to recover.

You say, "I never heard of anything like that. Shouldn't you be witnessing to them trying to get them saved?"

Yes. That's part of it. But while you have your hands on them start witnessing to them. "You that Jesus Christ loves you? He died for you. Died so that you can be well. Died so that you can go to heaven and don't have to go to hell. Died for you. Do you believe that?" "Well except him as your Lord."

Anytime that somebody gets born again, right then, they can get born again, healed, filled with the Spirit, all of it. Why do you think it has to takes step by step by step? Why wait that long? Some people don't have that long.

Yes, traditions. We've built it up in our minds. "This is a healing service we can only get healed." "We're going to have a Holy Ghost Baptism service so anybody that wants the Baptism come forward." It's all the life of God. You divide it up. God doesn't have Holy Ghost power over here and Salvation over here and healing here and speaking in tongues here so you have to get in the right line.

This isn't the department of motor vehicles. "Next please. Wrong form. Go to the back of the line. Fill this out in triplicate." That's not God. That's what we've made it. That's what we've turned it into. Complicated!

No. I just need you life. Fill me up.

He said that he would make the crooked way straight.

Do you know what Grace is? Grace is when God fills your potholes in your life with his power and ability so that he smoothes out your road. That's what it is. Nothing hard about that. He just makes the crooked way straight.

The valleys and the hills it all become level. Remember he said that he'd the mountains fall, he's going to raise the valleys up? When you make mountains fall and valleys rise up guess what you've got? Straight way. That's what he does. That's the grace of God.

He comes into your life and gives you what you need to carry out his will. That's grace. You couldn't do it by yourself. That's why it's called grace. It's a gift given out of gratuity. I'm just giving it to you because you I know you need it. That's the best kind of gift.

Now I'll read you something else very quickly.

(Reference to Gordon Lindsay's book on John G. Lake's Sermons on Dominion over Disease, Demons and Death) Now every one of these sermons in here are really good. Matter of fact Gordon Lindsay was dying. Gordon Lindsay got saved in John G. Lake's church. Whenever Charles Pharham was preaching during Christmas of 1924. Gordon Lindsay was dying of Ptomaine Poisoning. The parents had given him up and said that they couldn't do anything with him. He was a member of Dr. Lake's church and Sister Lake said, "Bring him over to our house. He can stay with us till he gets well."

So they brought him over and she gave him a stack of sermons and said, "Read these."

They didn't go to doctors. They didn't believe in medicine. That was their medicine.

So she would bring those into him. He read them and later on he grabbed those sermons and published them in a book. This is that book. These are those sermons that got Gordon Lindsay well from Ptomaine Poisoning. They have life in them. You can tell.

All these little things made points and made differences in my life. They will also in yours.

"How to enter the will of God. 2 Phases.

First: There are two phases of entering into the will of God. The first is to surrender our will to do the will of God. Most people's conception of doing the will of God is to become a non-entity."

To empty yourself and to become void in you mind. You have no will of your own. You become a puppet is a better way to say it. You just kind of wait and float and wait for God to yank on your string and you do something. That's really what you want. You want him to lift your arm up and put it out on somebody when he wants you to lay hands on them. Then to take it off when he is done. That's not the way it works.

We are co-laborers workers together with him. Now if you have a co-laborer you don't want somebody working with you that you have to take his hand and put it here. No you are working together.

"Now it is not God's ideal for you to have to be pushed around like a machine or moved like mechanism. (That's not what God wants for you.)

"The other phase of entering into the will of God is recognizing yourself as God's son and man's servant."

Where have you heard that before? See I'm not preaching anything new. You think I am. It's just because you're not old enough. If you were about 80 years older than you are, you've would have already heard all of this. Preaching the same stuff.

"I think the most wonderful exhibition of this truth that God can give us is in the fact that he gives us the Holy Ghost to us for God. Now that right there shocks people. "He gives us the Holy Ghost to us for God."

Most people think that we have the Holy Ghost so that God can use us! That's not what Dr. Lake believed.

The Holy Ghost to Dr. Lake was a helper not the doer. See paraclete – one called along side to help. We talked about that the other night. He will help you but he is not going to do it for you. He is a helper. He gives you the Holy Ghost so you can do the job.

Look at it this way. The Holy Ghost energizes everything that you are so that you can do it.

If you had power to heal, if you had the desire to see some one well, when you get the Holy Ghost you have the ability to fulfill that desire. That's what the Holy Ghost does.

The Bible says that you shall receive power, ability. That's what the Greek word means. You shall receive ability. Ability to do what? To do whatever is in line with God's will.

He says,

"for instance, the Lord says, 'they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.' But if you do not lay your hands upon anyone they will not be healed. However, if you have faith to believe that you have the Holy Spirit to be used by him and for him, your hands and your heart will be ready.

"It is a sad thing to me that God had to go out on a special mission and hunt a soul up and wrestle with him in order to get him to do something for God."

That's what you want. You want God to hunt you up and wrestle with you and convince you and push you, push you into doing something. He doesn't want to have to push you.

That's what you want though. You want leading. You want a push. He's been leading all along but you have been following.

He leads through scripture. That's how he leads.

"There used to be a Bible School in Ohio where they waited and continuous prayer meeting for nine months for the Gifts of the Holy Ghost."

They prayed and waited and prayed and waited for nine months. Waiting for God to come upon them.

"I said to them, 'It seems to me that if you stay around for ten years and nine months, you'll miss the gifts of the Holy Ghost.' But if you take off you coats and use what God has given you to bless others, he'll give you more."

Isn't that simple. If you want more of something from God all you have to do is give out what you've got. You have to make room for it. You make room for it by giving it away. You give it away he gives you more. Sounds like sowing and reaping doesn't it?

I'm going to read this real quick.

"Jesus' first dedicated himself. That is the secret of his life. He dedicated himself not to do his will but to do will of God. That is what his baptism at the Jordan meant. Jesus dedicated himself to God body, soul, and spirit. How many of you have dedicated body, soul and spirit to God? (Many hands raised)

"Now all those who took a dose of pills in the last two or three months put you hands up. (No response) Pill swallowers do not like to put their hands up."

You get the idea that he did not have a lot of fondness for medicine? They asked him one time, "If I get healed should I take my medicine?" He said, "Yes, you should take your medicine. You should take your medicine to the bathroom, put it down the toilet. Then apologize to the toilet." So you can kind of see how he felt about things.

This is the last session that I'm here. I don't know what else that I could say. I really don't know. I've said as much as I can in this amount of time. We could go on for a long time more. This is to get you ready for the training.

The training is similar but different in that it has a lot more hands on, a lot more questions and answers, that kind of things.

The training is this way. You learn it. You hear it. Then immediately, whatever you learn that day, you go out and practice that afternoon or that night. Right then.

There are even ways that we have cards that ask questions. If you have not completed the previous days lessons you don't come to the next session.

A lot of times those previous days lessons include finding a certain number of people to minister too of different types of illnesses.

You say, "How do you do that?"

Pretty easy. You call the hospital and ask if they have a cardiac ward. Do you have this kind of patient. So you can go and find those three different types of people real quick and easy and minister to them. That's how you do it.

You minister to these people. Then you listen.

See you can hear and hear and hear. But until you do it. You'll learn 90% more by doing than you will every learn by hearing.

I'm teaching more now what I've learnt by doing than what I learned before I started doing it. Now it's by experience.

I've learned that if you have more than 2 to 3 illnesses we have to break a spirit of infirmity. That's in no book. That isn't even in Dr. Lake's material. It is what we have learned by experience by putting our hands on many thousands of people. That's how it works. You learn by doing.

There are things that I can tell you that you will not even understand until you do it. So in that, the training involves you dedicating yourself.

I've told people over and over again. You want to travel with me. Come on, we've got room. I'm not hiding. I speak openly.

I don't know what you are going to come up against. I'm trying to make you prepared before you get there. I don't want to stop at that last point and you come up against something that that point would have helped you get over.

All you've heard this weekend is to do the word. Don't wait. Get a hold of God. Now it comes down to whether you are going to do it or not. It's up to you. I can't make you do it. But if you do it it will work. If you don't then people around you will die.

And if you do it there will come a time when you won't get sick any more. That's just the way it works. You keep sowing and sowing and sowing and pretty soon you start reaping and reaping. Pretty soon you are in a constant reaping and constant sowing and you don't get sick. That's what God intended.

You should have life generated inside of you. That's the way God intended. Life and more abundant.

Questions: What about Charles and Francis Hunter:

Answer: Everything that I've heard about them, from what I've heard, sounds good. I really don't know that much about them. I've read a couple of their books and some of the things that I see that they are doing similar to what I do. But now I coming to a place where I realize that the more detailed...the less power that you operate in, the more detailed you have to be when dealing with a person. That's just the way it works.

What I mean is: The less power you operate in the more detailed you have to be. The more power you operate in (the more power that's working through you) the less detailed you need. Jesus didn't need much details. He didn't a long time. He had the perfect method and the perfect power to meet the need of thousands of people. Not spending hours with each person, going on and on. "Be healed." "Be healed." He could move through thousands pretty quick.

My first pastor traveled with them. He was their pilot and he was head of their security. About them, in their book what I'm concerned about from what I've read, is their seems to be a little too much...it seems that they are moving away from God and from the glory of God more to almost chiropractic manipulation. That's what I feel.

If it works for them, and they are not too far over into something that they shouldn't be in to, great. I don't know so I really can't put out a judgment on it.

When I was reading their book I said this may be good but it is not for me. I'm not going that direction. I'm going toward less details. I want to go more toward like Jesus. More power demonstrated openly.

Do whatever you need too just don't get over into pressure points, manipulation and joints. I'm really leery of that stuff because the devil will get in any way that he can and he will take any opening.

Question: If you are a smoker or use lots of drugs. Why does he say that you should not pray for people?

Answer: You have to know my background. My dad was an alcoholic. He smoked. I'm sure that some input as to why I never smoked or drank. Never done drugs. Part of it was I know was God's protection. See once you make a commitment then God still has to help you keep it. I made that commitment and there was plenty of times when I could have broken it but I would remember. I remember as a child hearing noises and getting up and walking into a room with my mom on the floor and my dad standing over her. I have a particular hatred for alcohol. That helped me from ever getting involved in it.

Now based on that, now cigarettes. Now cigarettes obviously didn't do that but I have never seen cigarettes do good for anybody. I'm not talking about over the counter drugs also. I'm talking about narcotics.

Those different things open doors for devils. If you open a door a devil is going to come in. When you have a devil, based in any area, I really don't want you laying hands on people. If you tell the people that you do this and this and this and then they say that it is OK, then that is fine. But I think they ought to have a right to know.

Now why does it matter? Well because if you believe that when you lay hands on somebody, that you are going to impart something to them, then you would be hypocritical to say, "I do this, this and this and it is not of God but I'm going to lay hands on you and just impart God." You are going to impart whatever you are. If you're tainted, if that is part of you, you are going to impart that.

The reason I can say this is, the only reason that I mention it is because I've experienced it. Like I said I never had a real desire to smoke or drink or any of that stuff. I've had people when I was in the night clubs dancing. I didn't drink but I would go there to dance. I would have people buy me drinks and set them in front of me and it would sit there and I would toss it away. There was no desire there to drink it.

But I've had people lay hands on me. Usually within 24 to 48 hours whatever they put in you will come out. Within 24 hours I had the urge to smoke. Now to me that's a devil. If I was going to do anything it would have been drink. It sure wouldn't be smoke.

I would look back and within 24 hours I had some one lay hands on me. I you can go back to that person and say, "You smoke, don't you?" They'll look at you like you're a prophet.

So that's why I say that. I would prefer that you not do that. Now if you tell the person and they say it's okay then it doesn't matter. But I think that they have the right to know.

Dealing with that transference. It's the same thing whenever I'm praying for people. We've talked about this before when other people are touching them. I try to say it a couple times and some times I don't say it enough. If I'm praying for somebody, whether I'm touching them or not, if you are around them, if you're a helper, friends, I don't care who you are I know that you mean well, but if I'm ministering to them I'm requesting that you don't touch them. I'll tell you why.

One reason is, if I'm fixing to pray for them and you're touching them, when I touch them it is just like

electricity. A lot of times it will go straight through them, they won't get a thing, it will touch the person behind them, and the person behind them will fall out. It just hits them like electricity.

I can give you a point in case exactly where that happened. I'm laying hand on this man, there is a man behind him, I didn't know that he was touching him, and I'm looking at this person I'm praying for and he's looking at me like "when's it going to happen?" I'm thinking, "I know the power of God is going in." I look around behind him and the guy behind him is staggering almost ready to fall down. He takes his hand off of him and all of a sudden the man I'm praying for hits the ground. He was short circuiting him, he was grounding it out.

You think, "That's crazy." Right, that's what it is.

The second reason is, a lot of times I'll take their hand. If I take someone's hand, a lot of time, I'm contacting their spirit. That's the only way I can say it. I don't mean to say it in some weird term but that's the only way I know how to say it. I'm trying to hear from God about this person. If you're open to what God is saying you'll pick up things about other people around you. So I can of limit it by grabbing their ahold of their hand. Like, "This is the one that I need to know about, God." Then He'll tell me, based upon me touching them, He'll tell me what I need to say or what's wrong.

If you're touching them and you're flowing into them, and I'm touching them trying to find out what God wants me to know about them, I'll end up picking up what's in you. I'll start saying there's this and this and this and they're like, "No that's not right." I'm thinking I know this is right. The person behind them is going, "Wow, they're just like me." No, they are you. I'm picking you up.

Now the only reason I'm saying this and normally I wouldn't talk about it if I hadn't seen it. I have seen it. So that's why I say don't touch them unless they are dropping.

(Question) Is there a tactful way to tell others to keep their hands off?

Honestly, the best way to do it is to go to your pastor and say, "Why don't you teach on this? Why don't you tell people not to do that?" He may not know. If he says, "Why would I do that?" Tell him what you have found out. The best way is to have trained workers working the alters.

I know that some people may get upset and I believe in body ministry and all this kind of stuff. I believe in order and knowing those who labor among you. I would tell them look if you want to work the alter then you need to be trained. If they are not willing to come to training then they are not too serious about helping people. Let them stay back and stretch forth their hands.

That's one reason that I like open areas in front then you can have ushers stop people and you can have that distance. Another good reason is that then you can turn off the microphone and nobody knows what you're praying about. Otherwise people will be looking around and careful about revealing certain things. Believe me you hear everything. The hardest thing to do is not look shocked. You just keep that poker face and keep going.

If you train the workers right then you don't have to worry about it. That's the easiest way, no hurt feelings, it's just the way we do things here. I would strongly urge that the pastor would announce it from the pulpit, "Please, unless you are the person that they are wanting to pray for, please don't lay hands on them."

Another thing. Don't walk up to somebody and say, "Can I lay hands on you?" unless you know them. I know that there is a balance here because I'm telling everybody to go out and lay hands for healing. That's based upon the fact that you're a Christian, walking with God and don't have any open sin and things like that in your life. See we shouldn't even having to be talking about that but in today's open society. You should be able to from the pulpit, the pastor should promote the idea of, "please don't go over and ask people if you can pray for them." If someone wants you to pray for them they will come to you.

If you're here and want to pray for somebody, there's a system that you can use. It's real simple. We make things hard. Say, "If you want to pray for somebody" without going to them, "raise your hand and they can come to you." No problem. Real simple, just turn it around. Let them come to you.

End of Study # 8

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