



Continuing the Ministry of Jesus through Healing the Sick

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Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Matt 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

What did Jesus teach His disciples to do?

Luke 9:1 And He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.

Luke 9:2 And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing.

What did Jesus send out the 70 disciples to do?

Luke 10:1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

Luke 10:9 "and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you,'"

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

The church is to **continue the ministry of Jesus**, which includes praying for the sick with perseverance and authority and casting out demons.

If a church is going to have a healing ministry, there are some biblical requirements.

1. A Healing Ministry Requires Faith

James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

2. A Healing Ministry Requires Compassion

Matt 14:14 And when He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Mark 1:40-41 And a leper came to Him, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

3. A Healing Ministry Requires Humility

God does it to glorify Himself. If anyone else is going to get the glory, God isn't interested in doing it because He shares His glory with no man.

Is 42:5 Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk in it,

Is 42:6 “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations,

Is 42:7 To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those who dwell in the darkness from the prison.

Is 42:8 “I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.

Is 42:9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; before they spring forth, I proclaim them to you.”

Acts 3:12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”

Acts 3:16 “And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.”

4. A Healing Ministry is Perplexing.

A. The Apostle Paul healed many (Acts 28:8-9)

Acts 28:8 And it came about that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

Acts 28:9 And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.

B. Other times he couldn't heal even those closest to him.

Gal 4:13-14 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God...

1 Tim 5:23 No longer drink water exclusively but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

Phil 2:26-27 because he (Epaphroditus) was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

2 Tim 4:20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

Maybe this is part of the reason Paul said, ***“perplexed, but not despairing.” (2 Cor 4:8)*** In the ministry of praying for the sick, it's okay to be perplexed, but never despair.

***We will have a special healing prayer meeting today at 5:00 – 6:30 pm, childcare is provided.**