

Roger Sapp's Healing Hints 1-7

Healing Hint # 7 “Don't Disqualify Yourself”

In two places the Gospels reveal Jesus saying that if we believe and don't doubt that we could do the miraculous works of Jesus. The Greek word for *doubt* could as easily been translated as *draw distinctions or to judge*. It is important that we are able to come to Christ when seeking our own healing or the healing of another with simple child-like faith. We often draw distinctions that disqualify us for a miracle. We can improperly judge ourselves and place ourselves outside of the example of Christ and the promises of God. We believe that Christ heals but doubt that he will heal us for some reason. We believe that Christ heals but disqualify ourselves by drawing distinctions. We need to place everyone who needs healing, including ourselves, back into the multitudes that came to Christ. We must draw no distinction based on the fact the Christ healed everyone who came to Him and did this repeatedly. It is good news that we are not somehow an exception

Healing Hint #6 “The Gospel is the Power.” When ministering in any situation such as a church, a home, a coffee shop or a hospital room create the right atmosphere for faith before praying for the sick. You do this by bringing the Gospel of Christ the Healer before praying. The vast majority of Christ's healings and miracles occurred just after He had preached the Gospel to the multitudes. Faith comes through hearing a faithful message about Christ. Bringing the Gospel reminds the person praying and the person receiving that healing is all about what Jesus has done and not about anything else. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, healing and deliverance to all who believe

Healing Hint #5 “We have the Mind of Christ.” The mind of Christ is necessary to have simple child-like faith for healing. The mind of Christ is simply to think about things in the way that Jesus Christ thinks about things. The best way to obtain the mind of Christ is the same way that the original twelve disciples obtained it. They were with Jesus. They observed His actions, attitudes and teaching as He ministered to the multitudes. They knew it was God's will to heal because they had the mind of Christ. They saw that He never turned anyone away. He healed all who came to Him consistently. He never revealed a deep cause for someone remaining ill. Their theology was Christ's own example and therefore they were able to duplicate His ministry because of the power of simple faith in Christ. Be with Jesus in meditation in the Gospels and in prayer and learn from Him.

Healing Hint #4 “Each Healing the Same as Another” It is often observable that some believers will pray harder and longer for serious conditions and less for other less serious conditions. This inconsistency in how they pray reveals that they think that one healing is harder than another. They are revealing in

some measure that they think that they are the ones healing the sick. If God is doing the healing, then why would one healing be more difficult than another? If we pray harder, aren't we revealing that we simply do not believe that what Christ has done is enough and somehow that we must add something to accomplish the healing? Perhaps we are revealing that we doubt God's willingness and somehow must convince God to heal. However, if we believe that Christ has already paid the price for the healing completely, then a healing simply must be received by faith as a gift. If we believe that nothing is left to do, then we will then pray in a genuinely relaxed and confident way. We must learn to rest completely in the completed work of Christ and Christ's revelation of the will of the Father to heal all who come to Him in childlike faith.

Healing Hint # 3 "Noble Purposes Not Needed" It is the person who gives a simple, child-like response to Christ that receives healing or is able to ministry healing effectively. Occasionally someone will try to receive healing by presenting what appears to be a noble purpose in their healing. They may want to raise their children. They may want to "glorify God" in their healing. While sounding noble, these people are often unable to receive healing until they simplify their motives and simply accept that Christ wants them well. Often these "higher purposes" for their healing reveal that they do not really believe that Christ wishes them well simply because they are sick and in pain. How do you "produce" this simple response in yourself and other people? You must first recognize that Jesus Christ never had complex responses for hurting people. When the sick and injured came to Him, He felt compassion for them and that compassion was enough to motivate Him to heal them. He wasn't trying to discern some higher purpose for their healing nor did the people coming to Him have to have a noble purpose to receive healing. God was glorified in Christ's simple but profound love and ministry to hurting people.

Healing Hint # 2 "Stand on the Rock": No one receives anything from God while being double-minded and doubting. Understand and believe that the will of God is revealed perfectly by Jesus Christ in the New Testament scriptures. When you see Christ, you see the Father's will being perfectly demonstrated, displayed and exhibited. Build your hope and faith on the Rock who is Jesus Christ. There is no other true and stable foundation. Everything else is shifting sand. Your experience, whether good or bad with healing, is not a stable foundation. Theology, often divine wisdom mixed with human wisdom, will seriously mislead you if it does not agree completely with Christ's words and example. If Jesus healed persons like you and the others you are praying for without hesitation and without prayer to determine the will of God, then you too should see that the Father wants sick and injured persons whole. Stand on this truth revealed by Him who is the Truth. Once you no longer have any

doubts about the will of God, then you are much closer to having a consistent and reliable experience with healing.

Healing Hint # 1 “The Time Machine”: Get the right inward chemistry for faith in Christ as Healer before you pray for someone. Take the focus off of yourself entirely. Make your healing prayer entirely about Jesus. Before praying for someone -- inwardly remind yourself that if that person were able to get into a time machine and go back to one of those healing events described in the New Testament that Christ would heal them. He healed all who came to Him. That person you are praying for is coming to Jesus in the same way. They are demonstrating simple faith by asking for prayer. Remind yourself that nothing has changed. The very same Jesus in those events 2000 years ago is seated at the right hand of God. Remind yourself that Christ is the same yesterday (as described in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), today (seated at the right hand of God) and He will be the same forever.

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