

2 Hindrances to Releasing God's Healing Power

I recently asked the following question, "What is difficult to believe concerning healing?" Everyone that responded said, "That God is willing to heal them personally." We are going to take a careful look at this response to expose two main hindrances that are blocking us from receiving His healing power in our personal lives.

In Luke 5:12-13 we read about a leprous man in the Bible who had the same doubt and question. "When He was in a certain city, a man full of leprosy, upon seeing Jesus, fell on his face and begged Him, 'Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.' He reached out His hand and touched him, saying, 'I will. Be clean.' And immediately the leprosy left him."

This man had a very contagious disease and others were afraid of him. He was not allowed to go near others. If others came near him, he would have to pick up a rock and throw it at them and call out that he was unclean. He felt the rejection of those around him and I believe he thought God had rejected him as well.

He asked an honest question. He didn't know the will of God, and Jesus reached out and touched him and showed him that he was not rejected but accepted by God and answered his honest question. He said, "I am willing; be cleansed."

I believe the number one hindrance that stops us from believing that God is willing to heal us stems from an identity crisis. We do not know who we are in Christ. Our true identity is probably the most important truth that Satan tries to conceal from us because he knows that once we start to unveil the truth about who we really are in Christ and who Christ is in us, we become lethal to Satan and his kingdom of

darkness. It says in Psalm 8: 5-6, concerning us, "Yet You have made him a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet" (NASB).

We have been created a little lower than God. He gave us authority and dominion over all things. Once we start to recognize who we are in Christ, we start to seize our authority over Satan, the temptation of sin, and the consequences of living in a fallen world, such as sickness, disease, and every other foul curse that comes our way. In other words, as we start to understand who we are in Christ, we start to dominate Satan and his evil works, instead of him dominating us.

Another hindrance is that people are struggling with their past and do not really believe that God can forgive and heal them because of their many past sins. In 1 John 1:9 it says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." If we have asked the Lord to forgive us of past sins, then we are forgiven. The enemy can no longer hold our past against us because we are covered with the blood of Jesus. It is now all about our faith in His grace to honor His Word in our lives. And because we choose to believe His Word that He is faithful and just, we are not only forgiven of all sin, but we are redeemed from the consequences of those sins, including sickness and disease. Jesus is saying to us today, "I am willing; be cleansed."

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