

What If My Sickness Gets Worse After I Receive Prayer for Healing?

Someone writes and asks, "I have prayed for healing for several people for years. I have learned to quit asking and thank God for working in their bodies. I quote 'healing is the children's bread' and I ask God to give us this day our daily bread, healing. It is difficult when these people appear to get worse and not better. What are your thoughts about this?"

The first words I hear when I read this question are: "The Bread and the Wine have already been served." It isn't that God is withholding healing. Jesus already broke bread, (His Body) for us when He bowed down and gave His back to be brutally whipped for our healing. And He also poured the Wine, (His Blood) when He shed His blood at Calvary so that we could walk in a new blood covenant called grace.

When healing is not manifesting, I have learned to stop blaming God, and to start searching within myself to find out what is happening in my life that is hindering the healing power of God from manifesting. Why does it appear that I am getting worse and not better? If I don't know the answer, I ask the Holy Spirit to show me what's in my heart. And I can do this without feeling condemned, because I know that His grace is for me and not against me. And He willingly gives the revelation so that I can be healed.

Take the time to examine your heart and ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I struggling with past hurts and unforgiveness? Matthew 6:14-15 tells us, "For if you forgive men for their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men for their sins, neither

will your Father forgive your sins.”

- Is there willful sin in my life? Psalm 66:18 makes it plain, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”
- Am I speaking the blessings of God or the curses of Satan over my life? Proverbs 18:21 teaches us that, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”
- Have I surrendered my five senses and human reasoning over to God? Or do I trust them more than the Word of God concerning my healing? We can learn from our spiritual father Abraham in Romans 4:19, “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body to be dead (when he was about a hundred years old), nor yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb.”
- Are my eyes fixed on Jesus? Or have I lost my focus, and my eyes are centered on the illness? Hebrews 12:2 tells us where our eyes should be focusing and to “let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”
- Have I given into confusion and doubt? Am I being controlled by a spirit of fear? Or am I walking by faith? 2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control.”
- Do I really believe that God is for me, and not against me? Romans 8:31 says, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

If the Spirit of God is speaking to your heart, stop what you are doing, start praying and seeking God for His forgiveness and guidance and start the healing process again.

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