

"WEEKLY WISDOM"
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"HEALING – HOW TO GET IT • PART #3"

Psa. 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions.

As we continue our series this week on how to get healing just a quick reminder of what we have already covered. In week one we found out that God is our physician, our healer not the one who brings sickness and disease upon us. In week two we established that many don't doubt that God can heal, but don't know if it God's will to heal them, and it is very clearly God's will for all to be healed. This week we are going to talk about one of the most important truth's to receiving healing. As simple as it may sound it is a major hindrance for many. You must believe in your heart not your head, that God through Jesus Christ's redemption has provided your healing.

When I was younger my dad at one time got pretty involved in shooting clay pigeons. So much so that he bought his own shot gun shell reloader. We used to sit for hours out in the garage helping him load those shells. The loader had two bottles on top. One had the shot and the other the gunpowder. By pushing down on a big lever the shot and gunpowder would go from those bottles above down into the shell casing. On occasion the machine would mess up and no shot or gunpowder would transfer down. This left you will a hollow shell that would do you no good because it lacked what was necessary for it to ignite and send that shot out of the gun.

This is what happens to many believers when it comes to healing. God sent His Word to heal us and deliver us from all destruction. But for that word to have the power released from it to go forth and accomplish what God sent it forth to do, you must get that Word from the bottle above, our heads, and get it down into the casing below, our hearts. Once you do this you can release the power of God to take hold of the healing that Jesus Christ died and paid for.

Prov. 4:20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Prov. 4:21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

Prov. 4:22 For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

Prov. 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

This is a vital truth to how we receive healing from the Word of God. Here in Proverbs 4:20-23 we are told how to take God's Word and to receive healing through the Word of God. You must first give attention to the Word of God. This is more than just casually glancing at a few healing verses. This means you must attend to them. When you don't attend your car you will have car trouble. If you don't attend to caring for your body you are going to have health problems. If you don't attend to the Word it won't be able to bring healing to you. Notice verse 21 says to not let them depart from your eyes, but to keep them in the midst of your heart. This means you must come to the place where you are more focused on what God says than what your body says. You do not allow what you see or feel or hear in the natural to take you away from your focus on what God says.

Verse 22 tells us that these words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. The word find here means to come forth, to appear, to obtain. This is referring to what happens when God's Word drops down from that bottle above, your head, into your casing below, your heart. For this to happen you must get your eyes on scripture that you find in the Word of God that God has illuminated unto you, and you must then begin to feed on that Word until it goes from your head to your heart. It would be like taking a bite of the most juicy steak you could lay your lips on and just chewing and chewing and chewing until you get it to the point where you can then swallow that piece of steak. It won't bring any real nutrition to your body until you are able to swallow it. God's Word won't be able to release power in your life until you are able to swallow it as well.

Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Jesus is explicitly clear here about faith and how it works. You cannot doubt "IN YOUR HEART" and receive what you ask of God. Many Christians have head knowledge of the Word but have not feed or meditated on the Word long enough to get it in their hearts. If you do not doubt in your heart you will, not might, you will have what you say. Until God's Word has gone from your head to your heart His Word cannot release the healing power that is available to bring our healing into manifestation. Belief is of the heart, not the head. For example you cannot get born again according to Romans 10:10 unless you believe with your heart. There is no salvation experience for someone who does not believe in their heart that Jesus has been raised from the dead. There is no healing manifested if we do not believe in our heart in the Healer and His completed healing work.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

James 1:8 *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Initially James starts out here talking about the fact that if one lacks wisdom they can ask of God, but they must ask in faith with "NO" doubting. But he goes beyond just asking for wisdom here and in verse 7 he says that the person who doubts will receive nothing from the Lord. So it is no longer just referring to receiving wisdom. To receive nothing from the Lord would include not receiving healing as well. One who doubt's God in their heart is a double-minded man, they are tossed about by the wind, what they see, feel, hear, etc., and they are unstable. They don't have a foundation of true faith and because they are unstable they will lose their spiritual balance and be knocked down.

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Who doesn't want to be prosperous and have good success. 3 John 2 tells us that it is God's will for us to prosper in all things and be in health even as our soul prospers. But the key comes back to meditating on the Word of God day and night, continually thinking about and feeding on healing scriptures until they come alive in your heart. Once they do you will make your way prosperous, and you will have good success. Good success would include receiving the healing that Jesus bought and paid for. That is being successful when it comes to healing.

Prov. 20:27 The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

Psa. 119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

The spirit of man (the heart) is the lamp of the Lord. We need to get that lamp lit with revelation of the healing that belongs to us through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. It is the entrance of God's Word into ones heart that lights that lamp. I have an old fashioned lamp that I use from time to time when the power goes out. It works great if you have oil in the bottom, a wick coming up out of the oil, and then something to light it with. Meditating on God's Word is the way that we light that lamp. Once we do it will put off a light that is easily seen. That is how God's Word works. Once in enters the heart illumination immediately comes and you can now show forth the light.

So for us to receive healing through God's Word we must get that Word from our heads into our hearts. We need to chew on it until we are able to finally swallow that Word and get it into our inner man. Doing so will bring about the spiritual nutrition needed for us to take hold of the wonderful blessing of healing that God has already provided for us. As you begin to feed on God's Word don't grow weary in well doing for in due season you will reap the revelation of what already belongs to you if you do not lose heart.