

“The Weapons of Our Warfare”

Part Six

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5/1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Intro: This week we continue our study of the power gifts; specifically this week we will deal with the Gifts of Healings. God has placed within the natural body certain healing processes. God also gave knowledge to the medical profession so that they can sometimes block the hindrances and enhance our healing abilities. The gifts of healings are not referring to the natural processes or the medical profession. The gifts of healings, like with the other gifts, are supernatural endowments that the Holy Spirit gives for specific times and for specific situations and circumstances. In this lesson we will deal with the definition of the Gifts of Healings, Biblical examples of this gift in operation, and finally, how to appropriate this gift into your life and ministry.

- I. The definition of the Gifts of Healings.
 - A. 1 Corinthians 12:9, *“To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit”* (NIV).
 1. The words “gifts of healing” is actually a double plural in the original Greek. It should be translated, gifts of healings.
 2. Some possible explanations for this.
 - a. There are many different diseases that require many divine cures. Grosheide said, *“The plural ‘gifts’ may indicate healings of various illnesses. Each illness requires a special charisma”* (Arnold Bittlinger. *Gifts and Graces*, trans. Herbert Klassen (Grand Rapids, MI. William B. Eerdmans, 1967) 37.
 - b. God endows different people through whom the gifts are operative. Different people are used by God to minister to certain types of diseases.
 - c. Each illness to be healed takes a new and special endowment from the Holy Spirit. Bittlinger said, *“Every healing is a special gift. In this way the spiritually gifted individual stands in new dependence upon the Divine Giver”* (ibid).
 - B. For every sickness or disease, God can provide the gift of healing that is necessary through any Spirit-filled believer.
 1. This gift may operate regularly in a person’s life, occasionally, or as a onetime manifestation. .
 2. The important thing to remember is that the gift is not operated by human desire or human will, but by the Sovereign Lord. God alone determines whether, how, and when healing takes place.
- II. Biblical Examples of the Gifts of Healings.
 - A. The woman with the issue of blood (Mark 9:24-34).
 - B. Disciples given power to heal all manner of sicknesses (Matthew 10:1).
 - C. Paul heals man while preaching at a worship service (Acts 14:9-10).
 - D. Paul heals a man and leads to great healings in the village (Acts 28:8-9).
- III. How to appropriate this gift
 - A. The gifts are for today.
 1. The disciples were commissioned to heal the sick (Matthew 10:8).
 2. The church has been given special endowments (gifts) to heal the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9).
 3. We have been commanded to pray for the sick (James 5:14-16).

4. We have a prophetic account that God would use the church to heal (Mark 16:15-18).
- B. Lay hands on the sick
- C. Anoint with oil
- D. Praying the prayer of faith (You have to have faith)
- E. Listening and being sensitive to the Spirit.
 1. There are times when the Holy Spirit directs you to pray for someone.
 2. 1 John 5:14
- F. Healing is provided in the atonement but it is still at the determination of the Sovereign Lord.
 1. Isaiah 53:5
 2. 1 Peter 2:24
 3. Luke 4:25-26
 4. John 5:1-15