Appendix

The Oil of Anointing

The oil in the Old and New Testaments was often a symbol of something God wanted to affirm to his children. The oil itself had no medicinal value and no supernatural power. Anointing too was a symbolic act. Kings were anointed for their ministries. It was a sign of God's blessing and hand being upon the one that was anointed. That same symbolism is true for those asking to be anointed for healing.

Oil of Blessing

- But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. (Psalms 92:10)
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. (Psalms 23:5)
- It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. (Psalm 133:2)

Oil of Refreshing

- You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. (Luke 7:46)
- You sat on a stately couch, with a table prepared before it, on which you had set My incense and My oil. (Ezekiel 23:41)
- I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you. (Ezekiel 16:9)

Oil of Healing

- So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (Luke 10:34)
- And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them. (Mark 6:13)

Oil Of Gladness

- You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. (Hebrews 1:9)
- To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Isaiah 61:3)a.
- And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them. (Mark 6:13)

Praying God's Promises

Pray the Promise Back To God

Promises are powerful things. Peter said that it is by them that we escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires and become partakers of God's own nature. (2 Peter 1:4) Learn to use God's promises as you pray. Remind God of His promises. Quote them back to Him. He delights to hear it. Claim your inheritance that is herein described. Everything in the Christian's life is by faith. (Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.)

PRAYER

Isaiah 65:24 ...before they call I will answer...

Psalm 37:4 ...delight in the Lord, he gives desires of your heart...

Jeremiah 33:3 ...call on me and I will show you great and mighty things

Jeremiah 32:17-18 ... you have made heaven... nothing is too hard for you...

Matthew 18:19 ...if any 2 agree...touch...ask, it will be done...

PEACE

Isaiah 26:3 ...keep you in perfect peace...

Isaiah 32:17 ...work of righteousness will be peace...

Jeremiah 29:11 ...the thoughts I think toward you are peace, not evil...

Psalm 37:37 ...the end of the upright man is peace...

PROTECTION

Psalm 91:3 ...he shall deliver from snare, pestilence, terror, arrow...

Isaiah 54:17 ...no weapon formed against you will prosper...

Isaiah 43:2 ...when pass through water it will not overflow you...

Jeremiah 15:20 ...I will make you a steel wall, they will not prevail...

Psalm 5:11-12 ...those who trust you, shout for joy, you defend them...

SUPPLY

Psalm 34:10 ...lions do hunger...but you shall not lack any good thing...

Psalm 37:25 ... I have not seen the righteous forsaken or begging...

Philippians 4:19 ...my God shall supply all your need...

II Corinthians 9:8 ...God is able to make all grace abound to you...

SUCCESS

Joshua 1:8 ...then you shall make way prosperous, and have success

Psalm 1:3 ...whatsoever he does it shall prosper...

Romans 8:28 ...all things work together for good to him...

STRENGTH

Isaiah 40:29-31...he gives power to the faint...they renew their strength...

Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you...I will help you

Isaiah 41:13 ...the Lord will hold your right hand...

II Corinthians 12:9 ...my grace is sufficient for you...

DELIVERANCE

Psalm 34:17,19 ...the righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers from trouble

Psalm 34:7,8 ...angel encamps around those who fear him...

Isaiah 59:19 ...when enemy comes like flood...Lord will stand against him

DIRECTION & LEADING

Proverbs 3:6 ...In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths...

Isaiah 30:21 ...you will hear a word behind you saying, 'this is the way, walk in it'

Proverbs 16:3,9 ...commit your way to the Lord ... your thoughts will be established...

Psalm 37:23 ...good man's steps are ordered by the Lord

Psalm 32:8 ...I will instruct & teach you the way to go...

FEARS

II Timothy 1:7 ...God gave not the spirit of fear, but of sound mind...

Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you, I will help you...

Isaiah 41:13 ...fear not I will help you...

Psalm 34:4 ...I sought...He delivered me from all my fears...

SOULS

Psalm 2:8 ...ask of me and I will give heathen for your inheritance...

Psalm 126:6 ...he who sows and weeps...shall bring his sheaves with him...

II Peter 3:9 ...Lord is not slack...not willing any should perish...

YOUR CHILDREN

Isaiah 54:11-13 ...all your children will be taught of the Lord...

Psalm 127:3 ...children are a heritage of the Lord...your reward...

Isaiah 59:21 ...my words will not depart out of your seed's mouth...

Isaiah 44:3 ... I will pour out my Spirit on your seed and offspring...

Proverbs 22:6 ...train up a child...when old...he will not depart from it...

WISDOM

Isaiah 50:4 ...Lord gives me tongue of the learned to know how to speak...

Psalm 19:7 ... The law... is perfect... making wise the simple...

Proverbs 1:7 ... Fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge...

James 1:5 ...lack wisdom? Ask of God that gives liberally to all men...

FORGIVENESS

Psalm 86:5 ...you Lord are good...ready to forgive...

I John 1:9 ...If we confess our sins, he is faithful...to forgive...all...

Isaiah 1:18 ...though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow

Isaiah 43:25 ...I am he that blots out transgressions...

ABILITY ABOVE IMPOSSIBILTY

Jeremiah 32:17,27 ... Ah Lord God... there is nothing too hard for you...

Philippians 1:6 ...he that began a good work in you will perform it 'til.

Acts 20:32 ...the word of his grace... is able to build you up...

Ephesians 3:20 ...able to exceedingly abundantly...by power in us...

Jude 24 ...able to keep you...present you faultless...

HEALING

Exodus 15:26 ...I am the Lord that heals you

Psalm 103:3-4 ...who forgives all...heals all your diseases...

James 5:15 ...the prayer of faith shall save the sick...

Matthew 8:17 ...He took our infirmities and carried our diseases...

A Faith Quiz – Do You Really Believe?

1) All the time 2) Sometimes 3) Rarely 4) Almost Never

knock, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find;
Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that <u>ask</u> him? ()
Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it will remove; and nothing will be impossible unto you. ()
Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall <u>ask</u> , it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. ()
Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatever you <u>ask</u> in prayer, believing, you will receive. ()
Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld <i>them</i> , and said unto them, With mer this is <u>impossible</u> ; but with God all things are possible. ()
Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be <u>impossible</u> . ()
Luke 11:9-10 Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened unto you. 1For every one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him that knocks it will be opened. ()
Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more will <i>your</i> heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them who <u>ask</u> him? ()
Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are <u>impossible</u> with men are possible with God. ()

Mark 10:27 And Jesus looking upon said, With men <i>it is</i> <u>impossible</u> , but not with God: for with God <u>all things are possible</u> . ()
Mark 16:17 And these signs will follow them that believe; In my name will they cast out devils; they will speak with new tongues;18 They will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. ()
John 14:13 And whatever you ask <u>in my name</u> , that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ()
John 14:14 If you will ask any thing in my name, I will do it. ()
John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will <u>ask</u> whatever you will, and it will be done unto you. ()
John 15:16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and <i>that</i> your fruit should remain: that whatever you will ask of the Father <u>in my name</u> , he may give it to you. ()
John 16:23 And in that day you will ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ()
John 16:24 Hitherto have you asked nothing <u>in my name</u> : ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ()
John 16:26 At that day you will ask <u>in my name</u> : and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and believed that I came from the Father. ()
Hebrews 11:6 But without faith <i>it is</i> impossible to please <i>him</i> : for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and <i>that</i> he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. ()

James 1:5-6 If any of you lack wisdom, let him <u>ask</u> of God, that gives to all <i>men</i> liberally, without finding fault; and it will be given him. But let him <u>ask</u> <u>in faith</u> , <u>nothing wavering</u> . For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ()
James 4:2 You lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you fight and war, yet you have not, because you ask not. ()
James 4:3 You <u>ask</u> , and receive not, because you <u>ask</u> amiss, that you may consume <i>it</i> upon your lusts. ()
1 John 3:22 And whatever we <u>ask</u> , we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. ()
1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us: ()

Do You Really Believe God's Promises?

These are some of the promises of God we need to face head on. We either believe them or we do not. They are either true, or they are not. If God is true and faithful then He was not joking, kidding, or tricking us when He gave these unconditional promises. They are either true all the time, or they are not true at all. Promises can't be half true.

1) Do you believe i	t? 2) Do yo	u claim it in	prayer? 3)	Do you	think it's
sometimes true? 4) Do you ex	cplain it awa	y? 5) Are y	ou not s	ure?

ч	and it will be opened unto you: (answer:)
	Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (answer:)
	Matthew 17:20 I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, `Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. (answer:)
	Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you will agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (answer:)
	Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." (answer:)
	Matthew 21:22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. (answer:)
	Luke 11:9-10 And I say unto you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened unto you. For every one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it will be opened. (answer:)

Luke 11:11-12 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? (answer:)
Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (answer:)
Luke 12:31 Do not be anxious about what you will eat, drink or wearBut seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you.
Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (answer:)
Luke 17:6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. (answer:)
Luke 18:27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." (answer:)
John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (answer:)
John 14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. (answer:)
John 14:14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (answer:)
John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. (answer:)
John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. (answer:)
John 16:23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

(answer:)
John 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (answer:)
John 16:26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. But the Father himself loves you because you believed in me (answer:)
Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (answer:)
Hebrews 11:8 Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. (answer:)
1 John 3:22 And whatever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. (answer:)
James 1:6-7 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Do not let that man think he shall receive anything from the Lord. (answer:)
James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (answer:)
James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. (answer:)
James 5:17 The fervent prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (answer:)
1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us: (answer:)
Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (answer:)
2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yes, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. (answer:)
Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not. (answer:)
Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you: (answer:)
Jeremiah 32:27 Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me? (answer:)
Psalm 37:5 Commit your way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he will bring it to pass. (answer:)
Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD; and he will give you the desires of your heart. (answer:)
Isaiah 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. (answer:)
Numbers 23:19 God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should change his mind: Has he said, and will he not do it? Has he spoken, and will he not make good? (answer:)

Discussion Questions to Debate

General Questions About Healing

- 1. Is it wrong to seek medical means for healing?
- 2. Is healing always instantaneous?
- 3. Should we keep on praying for healing when it doesn't come?
- 4. Does sickness ever return when there was true healing?
- 5. How can we discern if the sickness is ... because of sin? ...evil spirits? ... a prolonged trial? ... the will of God? ... not going to be healed?
- 6. What if you don't believe the elders have enough faith...should you still call them to anoint and pray?
- 7. Can you call other believers instead of the elders to anoint and pray?
- 8. How can God willingly let his children suffer deadly diseases? Birth defects? Infant deaths?
- 9. How can I know God's will in my particular medical case?
- 10. Is all sickness and disease from the devil?
- 11. Why do some people pray so hard, believe so much, yet do not get healed?
- 12. What can we say to someone who really believed God was going to heal their child, husband, wife, and they died?
- 13. What do you think when someone believes and dies believing God will heal them?
- 14. How can you truly believe and yet rest in the Sovereignty of God?
- 15. Should you ever quit praying for someone's healing? Your own?
- 16. Is it wrong to pray for someone's to die when they are suffering, or when the very elderly and want to go home to be with the Lord?
- 17. I've got so many questions, how can I increase my faith in Divine Healing?
- 18. I've been disappointed by God, he didn't answer when I really needed Him. How can I believe him to hear now when I pray for my healing, or for someone else?

Bible Study Discussion Starters Healing Practice & Procedures

James 5:13-20

- 1. Calling for the elders who?
- 2. What if you don't trust those praying for you?
- 3. Should this be private or public?
- 4. Can godly saints (male of female) be called?
- 5. Who should you confess your faults to?
- 6. What should you do if your pastor doesn't agree with healing?
- 7. What do you think is the proper oil, and how/where anointed?
- 8. How soon can you wash off the oil?
- 9. Should you wash it off? When?
- 10. Should you trust just anyone's discernment?
- 11. How do you test the spirits to see if it is of God?
- 12. What if an elder/pray-er tells you you have an evil spirit/demon?
- 13. How can you be sure you don't have a demon?
- 14. Do you have the gift of faith?
- 15. What gifts are you aware of having?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Procedures of James 5

James 5:13-20

- 1. Does you church encourage calling elders for healing?
- 2. Do you know if your elders are trained and skilled to pray for healing?
- 3. Does you pastor encourage people to come forward or call for the elders?
- 4. Can't we pray for healing without using these steps?
- 5. Is it wrong to request prayer for *Aunt Susie's bunion* when you don't know if she is right with God?
- 6. Can and should we pray for healing of non-believers?
- 7. Can we and should ever lay a hand on them to pray over them? Would that be good to do?
- 8. Can we and should we use doctors and medicines? When? Is it ever wrong?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Problem of Unanswered Prayer

2 Corinthians 12:9

- 1. How do you know if God says "No" to healing you?
- 2. Why would God refuse to heal you when you prayed in faith?
- 3. When should you quit asking for healing?
- 4. How long should you wait on God?
- 5. Can you list some things that might hinder God answering your prayers?
- 6. Does God regularly answer your prayers?
- 7. Has God done a miracle for you? When? What? How?
- 8. Has God healed you of a sickness or disease? When? What? How?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Problem of the Source of Diseases

1 Corinthians 11:28-34

- 1. Do you think Paul is right, that sin causes unanswered healing?
- 2. How can or should we deal with sin before communion?
- 3. Can the devil cause diseases in Christians? How do you know that?
- 4. Can God heal psychosomatic illnesses?
- 5. How would you know if God is chastising you?
- 6. How would you know if a sickness is from Satan?
- 7. How can you be sure your disease is for God's glory? What does that mean?
- 8. How can you know if your illness is a test of your faith? What would you do about it?
- 9. If a disease is just a normal cold or flu should you call for the elders?
- 10. When should you call for the elders to pray over you?
- 11. Do you ask for prayer without asking for the elders to anoint you? Is that right?
- 12. How could you know if you have a generation sin causing diseases?
- 13. Have you suspected someone of being demonized? What does that look like?
- 14. How can you test whether a demon is present in someone's life?
- 15. Can you cast out demons in Jesus' name?
- 16. Have you cast out demons in Jesus' name?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Problem of Gifts of Healing

1 Corinthians 12:8-9

"To one there is given... to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit."

- 1. Do all have the gift of healing?
- 2. Do you believe in faith healers like Catherine Khulman and Oral Roberts?
- 3. Are there legitimate faith healers?
- 4. Should you ever seek out a faith healer or go to so called healing meetings?
- 5. Have you experienced healing a revival or healing services? How? When? What?
- 6. Do you have a gift of healing prayer?
- 7. Do you have the gift of faith?
- 8. Have you ever done a miracle or seen a first hand miracle when you prayed?
- 9. Have you seen a first hand miracle when someone else prayed?
- 10. Have you seen someone use the gift of discernment of spirits? What was that like?
- 11. Do you have a gift of discernment of spirits? How do you know?
- 12. Words of wisdom, words of knowledge and revelation are important.
- 13. Is a partial healing, really healing?
- 14. Is remission a healing?
- 15. What about hypnosis? Is it valid? Can it heal?
- 16. Can psychic heal?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Problem of <u>Using</u> the Gifts in Healing 1 Corinthians 12-14

- 1. Do you have a spiritual gift? Not a talent or natural gift?
- 2. Do you know anyone with a gift or gifts of healing?
- 3. How can and should you operate your gift? What context? When? Where? With whom?
- 4. Do you believe supernatural gifts ended with the apostles?
- 5. Do you think the gift of tongues is a gift for today? If so, how can it be used in healing?
- 6. Do you believe in prophetic words, knowledge, etc?
- 7. Have you ever seen those gifts in operation? Which? When?
- 8. How you ever been healed? When? Of what?
- 9. Have you ever had a delayed healing? Of What? When?
- 10. Have you ever had an immediate healing? Of What? When?
- 11. Can you identify your own spiritual gifts (maybe three)?
- 12. Can you identify your spouse's spiritual gift(s)? You mother or father? Sister or brother?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Problem of Real Faith

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. –

- 1. What do you have trouble believing?
- 2. Do you have trouble trusting God to answer your prayers?
- 3. What things do you think we no longer really believe anymore?
- 4. Do you believe all the promises of God?
- 5. Do you believe all God's promises are for you today?
- 6. Can you quote several of your favorite promises? At least three.
- 7. Have your faith been disappointed? How? When? Where?
- 8. Has God ever failed you? How? When? Where?
- 9. How can you build your faith when it's been disappointed?
- 10. Has anything ever shaken your faith? Made you wonder, "Is it true?"
- 11. How can you get more faith?
- 12. What can you do to increase faith?

Bible Study Discussion Starters The Problem of Praying Through

- 1. Do you ever hear God's voice inside?
- 2. Can you, do you exercise the authority of the believer?
- 3. Should you fast? Why? When? How long?
- 4. Have you ever spent time wrestling with God in prayer? When? Over what/
- 5. Do you fast? How often? Why?
- 6. Will Wrestling with God provide the answers?
- 7. Will Prayer and Fasting bring healing?
- 8. Will Exercising the Authority of the Believer bring healing?
- 9. Will Exercising the Power of Praise bring healing?
- 10. How does Hearing from God app?

More Suggested Discussion Questions

- 1. Word of Knowledge & Revelations Revealing sins? Accusing? Predicting?
- 2. Danger of False Impressions inflated egos, weird people, misled people
- 3. Discernment of Spirits how do you know? How do you test?
- 4. Tongues and Interpretation in church three measures to judge. Has it happened in your church? What do you do about it?
- 5. Demonic activity How do you address it? How do you perceive it? (Satanic Attacks, Demonic Parasite, Oppression? Obsession?)
- 6. Can a Christian be demonized? Demon oppressed? Demon attacked?
- 7. Can a Christian be under a curse? Are curses real?
- 8. Pastoral Prayers that are Prophetic (What is the Spirit saying to the church? Your sermon is not the only thing the Spirit is saying to the church. "He that has ears let him hear.")
- 9. What is the greatest miracle you have experienced?
- 10. What's the weirdest thing you have ever seen?
- 11. How do you get good, Spirit-filled, gifted elders?
- 12. (You don't get them by democratic elections. I appoint, select, nominate. I invite.)
- 13. How should a pastor prepare for worship in a "presence based church"?
- 14. (Prayer is essential. Pastor needs to be addicted to prayer, spending much time alone with God in private communion listening to God, dealing with personal sin.)

Personal Diagnostic Questions

We are too often ignorant in our attempts to follow the Scriptures and end up just going through the motions of James 5 without understanding the spirit of it.

- Discernment of spirits is a major issue in any healing ministry.
- Words of wisdom, words of knowledge and revelation are important.
- 2/3 of people who visit a doctor or hospital are suffering from an emotionally related illness. Two thirds!!! (None of These Diseases JI McMillen)
- All people are not alike who come for anointing.
- The "spirit of infirmity" is epidemic in America. (Fear, confusion)

What do you want God to do for you?

Be specific? Then why do you want God to do this?

What will you do with your healing if God would heal you?

(How will you glorify God with your body and health?)
Are you living for the Lord and being obedient to his word right now?
Are you presently serving God in any ministry?

Is there anything in your life or mind right now that would hinder God answering your prayer? (Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart... God will not hear me")

More Specifically ...

- Have you committed any sexual sin (viewed pornography, erotic material, indulged in lust, done any immoral sexual acts) Are you having an affair of the heart with anyone?
- Have you allowed anger or temper into your life? Swearing?
- Are you at peace and love with your spouse? Getting along
- o Are you bitter towards your father for things he did to you?
- o Have you spoken evil of anyone this past week? Month?
- How is your devotional life in the word and prayer?
- Have you read horoscopes, used Ouija boards, tarot cards, psychics, palm readers, or watched horror movies or witchcraft movies?

Do you believe God wants to heal and will heal you?

What are you believing? About Jesus. About God. About yourself? Has God given you a promise that you are clinging to?

Anointing at the altar is a starting place and maybe not the end of dealing with that person. You are asking God to work. Expect Him to.

Questions to Ask Yourself.

- 1. Am I right with God at this moment?
- 2. Is there any sin in my life or heart that would hinder my prayers?
- 3. Have I given in to anger, lust, bitterness, or unforgiveness?
- 4. What promises are in my heart and mind to claim for the sick?
- 5. Am I filled with the Spirit right now? Are you sure? How are you sure?
- 6. Is God's presence evident in my life at this moment?
- 7. Is Jesus Lord of my heart, mind, soul and body?
- 8. Am I living in thanksgiving and praise every moment of the day?
- 9. Am I walking in the light as he is in the light?
- 10. Have I been honest about my secret sins with an accountability partner?
- 11. Am I prayed-up?
- 12. Is God giving your can "check" in your Spirit?
- 13. Has God whispered any word or question you need to give before praying for them?
- 14. Are you using your spiritual gift in dealing with this person?

Questions For Further Study

Bible Study Discussion Starters Healing in the Old Testament

- 1. Do you see any patterns emerging in the Old Testament healing accounts?
- 2. What are some of the <u>unusual</u> and strange healings in the Old Testament? (Hint: Bitter Waters, Bronze serpent, Naaman the Leper, Hezekiah, Elisha's meal,)
- 3. Why are they strange to you? What was unique and unusual?
- 4. In several instances God used physical or natural remedies. What were they?
- 5. Are there any obvious promises for healing in the Old Testament? Where?
- 6. Are there people who were left sick? (Hint: Job, Jeremiah, David,)
- 7. If God is powerful to heal, why did he let Job suffer from disease?
- 8. Are there any conditions for people being healed in the Old Testament?
- 9. Are sicknesses and diseases a punishment from God? If so, when and why?
- 10. When are they not punishments from God? How can we know the difference?
- 11. Did Samson experience healing?
- 12. Why do you think Elijah did not die? (Hebrews 9:27-28 "It is appointed unto man once to die...")
- 13. What does Malachi 4:2 mean to you? "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings."

Bible Study Discussion Starters Healing in the New Testament

- 1. Jesus was certainly empowered to heal every disease and infirmity. Do we as believers have that same power and authority? Prove it.
- 2. What do you see as a relationship of healing and demonic activity? Give examples.
- 3. Did Jesus ever promise to heal everyone of all their diseases?
- 4. If Jesus healed everyone who came to him, why doesn't he heal everyone today?
- 5. Why do you think Jesus let Lazarus die when he could have come four days earlier and healed him?
- 6. Are there true gifts of healing in the church today? If so, how should someone with a healing gift operate in the church? In the world?
- 7. Is there a gift of raising the dead to life?
- 8. Are there any sure promises for healing in the New Testament? Where are they?
- 9. What is the relationship of faith to being healed?
- 10. Are diseases and sickness a result of sin or disobedience? If so, when and why?
- 11. Does any man or woman have the power to heal people today? Who? Do they heal all who come to them?
- 12. What New Testament promises of healing can you cling to? List them. Quote them.
- 13. Were there any people left sick in the New Testament? (Hint: Paul 2 Cor. 12:9 "my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities": 1 Timothy 5:23 "Take a little wine for your stomach sake and your oft infirmities.": 2 Tim. 4:2 "Trophimus was sick when I left him at Miletus."

Bible Study Discussion Starters Healing in the Atonement

- 1. Isn't sickness part of the curse on mankind? Does God ever remove that curse?
- 2. Can a woman be healed of pain in childbirth? It is part of the curse.
- 3. Can you expect God to heal your garden so it does not have weeds? Why not?
- 4. Do you believe there is healing in the atonement? Why do you believe that? What is your scriptural basis? What does it mean to you?
- 5. What do you make of Isaiah 53:4? What does it mean, "Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering"?
- 6. What do you make of Isaiah 53:5? What does it mean, "With his stripes we are healed?"
- 7. If so, why aren't all God's people healed of all their sicknesses?
- 8. Do you believe that Joni Erikson Tada should have been healed of her paralysis? In your opinion why hasn't she been healed?
- 9. Is there a "name it and claim it" passage in the Bible? Where?
- 10. Why are some people healed, and others are not?
- 11. Can we or anyone expect to live life without ever being sick?
- 12. Can we, or anyone, expect to be healed all the time, of every sickness including colds and flu?

Bible Study Discussion Starters Healing and the Problem of Pain and Suffering

1. Why does God allow so much suffering in the world?

If God is good...

- 2. Why doesn't he eliminate suffering? Wouldn't it help agnostics to believer?
- 3. Why does God allow little children to suffer horrible diseases?
- 4. Why does God allow children to be born disfigured?
- 5. Why does God allow children to be born with Down Syndrome?
- 6. Why did God allow Helen Keller to be born blind and deaf?
- 7. Why should a Christian suffer with diseases though they have prayed for healing?
- 8. If God can eliminate suffering and pain but doesn't, does that make Him either not all loving, or He is powerless?
- 9. How would you explain the existence of pain and suffering to an atheist or agnostic?