

Principles of Faith, Healing, & Finances

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Walking in the light of 'God's Truth', means that we are learning how to live by faith on His Word and depending in Him alone for the answers to prayer and guidance that we need, rather, than turning to human efforts and plans of 'self'. 'God' empowers us (by the Holy Spirit) to 'walk by faith' in His Word, and His Spirit is available to guide us in every decision we have to make, so, He is waiting for our 'response', and God is prepared to give us 'spiritual light' concerning every aspect of our daily life.

God is waiting for our response to His 'Salvation Message', whether or not we will choose to listen to and follow His Word in our life and will claim His promised deliverance. If our surrender of the self-life is sincere and final (meaning, that we are ready and willing to listen), then God is happy to teach us His lessons of faith and trust in Him. Each one of us must first choose to believe God's Word, that "I have been crucified with Christ" (meaning that the self-life is surrendered so we can do God's will in our life), "and it is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me; and the life which I now live in the body I live 'through faith' in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up to death on my behalf." (Gal.2:20).

We have a Scriptural responsibility to believe that we are cleansed by Jesus' redeeming Blood, and that we died to the self-life because Jesus' Blood delivered us from that. Aside from His redeeming Blood, Jesus also told us (John 15:3), "You are already clean because of the 'Word' which I have spoken to you."

When we decide to believe on God's Word which tells us about what His Son accomplished for us by His Atonement sacrifice, and that we have been pardoned and can now live a new life guided by God's Spirit, then God is ready to direct

us and teach us faith lessons each day until our faith in Him is perfected. (Rom. 8:29 assures true believers) "For whom God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."

Therefore, we already have God's promise to conform us, if we are committed to having God remove the self-life from our heart, and to have our faith perfected by God through claiming and believing on our Atonement rights in Christ Jesus.

However, Satan uses his plans to rob people of the privilege to receive their Atonement rights in Christ, and from enjoying God's provisions of needed finances, peace and comfort in mind and spirit, and perfect health and healing which is a valuable gift in itself (health and healing), even if nothing else were received. The first thing we need to do to receive healing from God, is to put aside (for-ever) every human remedy or plan for the health and protection of our body (and for our children). That decision has to be settled right (and final), then we can receive and enjoy health that God has promised.

The vital thing in getting healing from God, is to take a true Scriptural attitude in our relation to Him. That means we would rather risk our lives on God (and the truth of His Word), than to take the least human remedy of help from man for healing. That is the mark of a true disciple, and that is what Jesus meant. (Luke 14:26) "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."

Jesus meant that we should be willing to go against the wishes of our wife, children, mother, or father, and even to die rather than displease God, or disobey God's Word (or to trust in any-thing or anyone but Him). That allows God to bring enthronement of the Christ-life into our heart, (and death to the self-life) which is also of the greatest importance.

If we are depending on the least human plan of the self-life for healing, it gives Satan an opening to attack, because a compromising attitude opens a door for Satan to get in (although we may not realize it at first). God is unable to help us while we have rebellion against His divine healing plan in our heart. He cannot work with us to help us receive healing, until we have settled the human remedy question (finally and forever). Many of us may have already decided on that principle of Truth, but we sometimes need to be reminded of how important it is that we come

through trials by trusting on God alone for our victory. If (for instance) we were trusting on a certain beverage (or even water) to assure us of good health, that would be a 'human remedy' which must be gotten rid of, for us to receive God's help.

Another vital point to be made is we are to act directly opposite to the human way one would act when sick, (which means that we are not to take human precautions, nor lie in bed when we feel sick). To lie down to the devil is as much a sin as taking medicine and having a doctor. The moment we lie down because we feel sick, we have rejected God's plan for our healing, and are accepting the world's way of getting well by the 'laws of nature.' While we have that 'lay down attitude' in our heart, we will be attacked and robbed by Satan of our victory.

The late Pastor recalled a present-day example, when a brother in Christ had a serious attack in his stomach. However, the man had accepted the teaching on God's healing plan with a simple 'child-like' faith, so he sat down and ate a big dinner (when he didn't even want to smell any food). When he finished eating, however, he was unable to keep the food down. Most people would have thought it was about time to stop eating, but the brother sat right down (at the same table) and in faith he ate the same kind of food as he did the first time. This time he was instantly and perfectly healed (by faith), as he had met the conditions of God's 'divine healing plan'. He had acted in faith alone, and directly opposite to the 'world's plan' for healing.

Jesus Christ already bore our sicknesses, diseases, and pains on the Cross, and He has given us perfect health paid for by His shed Blood on our behalf. That is the reason we should claim our deliverance through the 'Blood of Christ', and not act any different than we would if we felt perfectly well.

This divine plan of God is directly opposite to the world's way of acting when a person feels sick, for a doctor would tell them "You go right to bed, take good care of yourself, eat this, but don't eat that, etc." Then the doctor would give them a lot of poisonous medicine (besides that wrong advice).

It is just opposite in 'the Truth', because a true minister of God's Word would tell you to take a good long walk and to walk as fast as God

enables you to walk. If you had a stomach problem, you would be told to eat a heartier meal than you would if you felt well. That 'principle of Truth' involved, is vital to one living an overcoming 'life of faith'.

The point to be made is, that when we accept God as our Healer, we are to act opposite to the way the world would do. Instead of sparing ourselves, we are to work harder (in full dependence upon God's power) and have more strength at the end of the task than when we began.

The late Pastor humbly referred to a personal experience (about 44 years before that), when (from a human point of view) he had been near death with stomach trouble (he said). God enabled him to eat the worst kind of food for his stomach that he could have eaten from a natural standpoint. It was eaten, however, in the 'Name of Jesus Christ', and in dependance on the power of God. He said that he was healed instantly when the last mouthful of food reached his stomach.

In a similar experience, he was coming home one night from holding a Church service in another city, and he was suddenly attacked in his stomach. It was (quote) "not because I had taken special care about what I had eaten, rather, it was through my neglect to watch and pray ahead (as I should have). The devil put the thought in my mind, that you will be getting home quite late tonight, so you just give your stomach a rest until morning. Give your stomach a chance to get back to normal. That looked like a very innocent plan, but it was from the devil (and I almost 'fell in' with that plan)."

"However, when I got closer to the city, another thought came to me; 'what would I do if I was enjoying perfect health?' I had asked God (in prayer) that morning for a 'well stomach', and, if I had that well stomach, what would I do? I would order a regular dinner at a restaurant."

"So, I stopped and ate a good meal (the same as if I never had an attack in my stomach). The healing that I received was instantaneous! It was as great a miracle performed on my stomach, as there ever was in Bible times. That was the end of the stomach problems."

"On the other hand, if I had acted on the first thought that had come to my mind, and, I had 'laid down' (so to speak) to that oppression, Satan

would have had a stronger hold on my stomach and I would have found it harder to get the healing.”

“We need to remember, we are not to spare ourselves when we do not feel well, rather, the more strenuously we act (in faith on Jesus’ Name) the quicker ‘God’s power’ will work to deliver us.”

(The Pastor added) “We were speaking in one of our Church services about how strenuously we should act (if we felt sick). We said, ‘if there is anyone (in this meeting) who is not feeling well, here is a prescription for you. If you are a woman, go home and get plenty of laundry together (if you do not have enough of your own, get some from your neighbor). Wash it in the morning, spend the afternoon housecleaning while the clothes dry, and then iron all the clothes in the evening. And we want to hear how you are feeling the next morning.”

“If you are a man, buy a bow-saw and some hardwood, cut it up in the morning, split it in the afternoon, and pile it in the evening.’ That’s the prescription we gave for people who ‘felt sick’, (instead of them lying down to the devil’s oppression).

Two weeks later a man came to me at the close of a service, and he said, “brother, I would like to tell you something. You remember speaking about what a person should do if they felt sick. Well, my wife was here that night, and she was feeling quite sick. She did not have to get any wash from the neighbors (as she had enough of her own). She went home after the service that night, put the clothes in water to soak, got up early the next morning and washed them, scrubbed, and cleaned the house in the afternoon, and she ironed all the clothes that evening. When she got through with her work, she was in perfect health.”

“The same principle is involved financially. A Christian does not have to stint themselves (and always hunt for bargains in order to make their money go as far as possible). Neither do we have to move to a cheaper house (when we are in hard times financially), nor ask the landlord to lower our rent. We should not buy cheaper food to lower expenses when our income is shut off.” That is one thing that was made very emphatic to us during the economic depression at that time (around 1930) and that is, “if there ever was a

time we should be more liberal with our money (pay better prices and not worry about holding onto our money), it is when we experience hard times. We should do just opposite to what someone in the world would do.”

“Instead of saying ‘how far can I make this money go; (I only have so much, and I will certainly cut down every place I can’), we should do the opposite and not try to reduce expenses. The reason why we can do this, is because (as true Christians) we have access to (and are heir to) God’s inexhaustible wealth of money, (and we could never possibly come to the end of that supply.”) (Rom.8:16-17) “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.”

Also (2 Cor.8:9), “For you know the condescending goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ—how for your sakes He became poor, though He was rich, in order that you through His poverty might grow rich.”

If we were in the world and had only five dollars in our pocket (but had fifty thousand dollars in the bank), we would not be conniving with that five-dollar bill (as if we only had that and nothing more). If those five dollars was all the money we had (or we expected to get), humanly speaking we would have to connive on how to stretch it as far as we could.”

“We would think much differently, however, if we had fifty thousand dollars in the bank”, and saying, “why should I try to make these five dollars go as far as possible, when I can go to the bank and draw out a lot more” (with plenty left over). That is the same way it should be regarding our ‘divine inheritance’ money (through Christ).

We have the privilege (afforded by Scriptures) of drawing money out of Heaven’s bank (as much as we want when we need it). Satan has blinded so many people to this fact, and all they can see is the few dollars they earn every week, while they lose sight of their great inexhaustible bank account in Heaven. The money we earn at our place of employment could be considered ‘pin money’ as compared to our divine inheritance, and it will be that (as we allow God to open our spiritual eyes to our Heavenly inheritance). That is the reason why we should not connive, and not be afraid to spend the

money that we have on hand, because if we trust on God, He will see that more comes in as we need it. When the need arises, we can draw money out of Heaven's bank, just as we would draw it out of an earthly bank. God's banking plan is more sensible and reasonable than the plans being used by most people in the world (as we cannot exhaust our Heavenly bank).

God's 'financial plan' is to not be part of man's 'financial plans', nor to have or keep 'laid up treasures' on earth to trust on instead of God. His financial plan will teach us faith lessons more quickly than 'any other life issue'... If we are willing to get rid of our false 'places of trust' (which is surrendering our 'self efforts' in order to trust on God alone), then God can teach us His plan, and He will empower us to walk by faith financially, so that He can teach us lessons of faith. As in all other things, "It is by faith that My righteous servant shall live," (says, Heb. 10:38).

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That is being conformed by God into the image of His Son, which is to be like Him in our faith, in the way that we trust God, His Father (just as Jesus did), for; our health and healing, for our protection from dangers, and for our guidance to know how to trust Him for the supply of temporal and financial needs.

Also, for a 'forgiving nature' to be instilled in our heart, which enables us to meet wrongs done to us, as God's Word says that we should meet them. (1 Pet. 2:21-23) "And it is to this you were called; because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you an 'example' so that you should follow in His steps. He never sinned, and no deceitful language was ever heard from His mouth." He didn't deceitfully say one thing, when He meant or was thinking something else. "When He was reviled, He did not answer with reviling; when He suffered, He uttered no threats, but left His wrongs in the hands of the righteous Judge."

That is a true Christian's 'roadmap to Heaven' provided for us by the Son of God, Himself. Through an enduring and uncompromising trust on God's Word and Promises, He will perfect our faith to claim and receive divine health, each day's finances, God's peace and contentment, and spiritual growth and blessing from Him, to encourage us, and to lead us along His 'Heavenly Pathway' to Life Eternal. That, through God's training with trials and tests of faith, healings and finances received should be the goal of every sincere Christian! As apostle Paul said, (Phil.3:14) "with my eyes fixed on the goal I 'push on to secure the prize' of God's 'heavenward call' in Christ Jesus."

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Some Main Points of ...  
PRINCIPLES OF FAITH, HEALTH, &  
FINANCES:

1... Believing that we are forgiven, that Satan was cast out, and that the Spirit of Jesus Christ reigns in our heart, enables us to act in faith. And acting faith is always intertwined with victory in Christ, which also brings God's rich and wonderful blessings, enlightenment, and valuable spiritual results (because the Atonement Blood of Christ has paid for all those things).

2... Modern-day testimonies are mentioned, testifying to the fact that God has not changed, and He still answers prayer today, and that an 'acting faith' on our part is the 'step to victory' in Christ.

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