

# Healing

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## I. Introduction.

## II. False teachings about healing.

- A. Many healing evangelists have a “name it and claim it” ministry based on a wrong interpretation of John 14:14.
- B. Bad theology is a terrible taskmaster.
- C. One of the consequences of the fall is illness—just because God has healed some, does not mean that God will heal all.

## III. Biblical concepts about healing.

- A. Jesus accomplished phenomenal miracles: He healed, rose people from the dead, cast out demons, and performed miracles of nature.
- B. Some of those miraculous abilities were passed down to the Apostles.
- C. All the healings were instantaneous.
- D. The early church felt that the miraculous gifts died with the Apostles. God still does miracles but not in this way.
- E. The purpose of the early miracles was to give testimony to who Jesus Christ was. The kind and quantity of miracles that were happening in New Testament times are not happening today.
- F. No faith healers are going into hospitals or morgues today.
- G. As long as a person is a part of a fallen world, he will experience the effects of the fall, part of which is illness.
- H. There is healing today, but God is not obligated to heal anyone. (James 5)
- I. Suffering comes to the just and the unjust.

## Application questions:

1. Why is it dangerous to believe that God will give anything a believer asks in faith without condition? Explain.

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2. How would you respond to someone who said he or she was healed by a faith healer?

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3. Why is it important to have a theology that has room for suffering in the believer's life? Explain.

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