

Suggestions Regarding Healing Prayer

Introduction

- A. The Bible encourages us to approach prayer with faith and expectation.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power ...And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Eph. 6:10,18

- B. How should we look upon prayer or “Healing Prayer?”

A tentative definition: “Healing/intercessory prayer is a spiritual activity in which the one praying enters into a cooperative ministry with the Holy Spirit to bring the person or group prayed for into the presence of God so the power of God’s Kingdom may be released in harmony with His will for the person or group at that moment in their life.”

I. The Importance of Healing Prayer.

- A. We have been created by God in His image. Gen. 1:26,27

God created us as a person and basically spirit – that is the “kind” of a person we are. We are not primarily – body, or mind, or will, or emotions or a social person – these are only the “functions” of our spirit as a person.

As a result we all have equal value before God. And, our greatest abilities and needs are all in the spirit area of our life.

- B. Through the New Birth we not only have been given a “spirit-bonding” relationship with God – but also with one another.

The body (the Church) is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ...So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
1 Cor. 12:12,25,26

- C. We are exhorted/commanded to be concerned for each other and minister to one another.

We are to love one another – John 13:34,35

We are to honor one another – Rom. 12:10

We are to carry each other’s burdens – Gal. 6:2

We are to encourage one another and build one another up – 1 Thess. 5:11

We are to pray for one another – James 5:16

II. God's Provision for Us So We Can Care for One Another – in Healing Prayer.

- A. We have been given gifts – to dispense the grace of God to one another.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit...Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Cor 12:4,7

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

- B. We have been given the office of the priesthood – with its authority and ability.

You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5

III. Suggestions Regarding Implementing Healing Prayer

- A. We can pray the prayers of the Bible for one another. Example: Eph 3:14-21
- B. We can pray the promises of the Bible for one another. Example: 2 Cor. 1:3,4
- C. We can pray the names of God for one another. Example: 2 Cor 6:18; Heb 13:6
- D. We can pray the provision of God for one another. Example: Phil. 3:10
- E. We can pray the power of God for one another. Example 2 Cor 10:4,5
- F. We can pray the Fruit of the Spirit for one another. Example Gal. 5:22,23
- G. We can pray the exhortations of the Bible for one another. Example: Eph. 5:18
- H. We can pray the will of God for one another. 1 John 5:14

Conclusion

- A. From these passages it is evident that we have a personal responsibility to help one another. One of the most powerful ways of doing so is through healing prayer.
- B. All forms of deliberate sinning will greatly hinder the Holy Spirit in our praying.
- C. The recipient of prayer must choose to “receive” God’s help in faith and submission.

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