



Many Channels Of God's Healing

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When we need God's healing in any area of our lives there are many ways in which we can draw upon it. We can ask others to pray with us and for us, and we can learn to draw on the healing power of God for ourselves. This leaflet suggests some powerful channels of God's grace. If the illness or difficulty is long-standing or deep-seated we may need to use all the means listed below of welcoming God's healing power into our lives.

Prayer and the laying-on of hands

This is a wonderful gift the Lord has given us because we believe that when we pray with the laying-on of hands the power of God is released. We simply bring you to Jesus, surround you with love, faith and a great desire to see Jesus touch you, and then we welcome Him to let His Holy Spirit flow right through you. This ministry will only do good in body, mind and spirit. You can receive it as often as you wish, either privately or in the context of a healing service.

Ask others to pray for you

Prayer in the background is another powerful channel of God's grace. You can either ask individuals to pray for you or put your name down on an intercession service. In Divine Healing Ministries you can ring 028 90311532, give your first name and what you need prayer for, and we will pray every day for 30 days. In emergencies the prayer chain can also be activated by ringing this number.

Anointing with oil

We are told in the Letter of James to receive both prayer and the anointing with oil (James 5 vs. 13—16). We can never go wrong when we are obedient to what God tells us to do. I call prayer and anointing the double touch, and the grace of God does seem to be released in a special way through this ministry. I often feel as I anoint and make the sign of the cross on a person's forehead that this is a sign of Christ's victory on the cross over everything that oppresses us, Christ's victory being made real in that person's life.

Praying for ourselves

We can talk to God directly and ask Him to provide the healing that we need. This is a good way to pray. We can also take time every day to lie down or sit in a chair and, with eyes closed, welcome the Holy Spirit to flow into every part of us. This will require time and effort on our part, but it will help us to receive peace, strength and healing.

Some people like to pray in this way last thing at night. They find that it helps them to sleep better. (See the leaflet 'Praying for Ourselves')

Keep the channels clear

Draw on the grace of God to keep the channels clear between yourself and Him. You do not want anything to

block the flow of the Spirit when you pray or receive prayer. There may be particular sins that you know you have to deal with, or which God points out to you. It is important to take this seriously. We do not have to be perfect to receive healing. Jesus healed some very imperfect people, but it may help to open us up to receive the healing God wants to give us if we show Him that we are serious about dealing with sin in our lives.

Healing through our relationship with Jesus

Paul was able to write to the Philippians at a very difficult moment in his life, when he was in captivity awaiting trial, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' I have found that often when people commit themselves to Jesus a new strength comes into their lives, especially if they are prepared to stay in touch with Him throughout the day. This is particularly helpful for someone who needs inner healing.

I have also seen people who are physically ill make a complete surrender of their whole lives to God, and that can be the beginning of their healing. (See the pamphlet 'Peace through surrender')

Holy Communion and Healing

Canon Jim Glennon from Australia said that everything that Jesus won for us on the cross is available through Holy Communion. Canon W. H. Lendrum from Belfast

said that every time we celebrate Holy Communion we express Christ's victory over every form of evil. This is an often neglected channel of God's grace for healing. For more information on how God feeds, heals and strengthens us through this sacrament. (See the leaflet 'Healing and Holy Communion')

Believe

Jesus said that if we ask for anything in His name He will give it to us. We have every right to believe as we pray for healing that God is responding. In my experience faith is deepened as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. The closer we are to Him the more confidence we will have as we approach Him in prayer. I also find it helpful to take time in prayer to surrender people or situations to God, rest in the assurance that He has them safe in His hands, and then gently start to thank Him that He is responding and releasing His Holy Spirit into all of those areas.

Prayer and fasting

Sometimes prayer and fasting can achieve a breakthrough to an intractable problem. I know a lady who was going blind. The prayer group in her church prayed and fasted all day. In the evening they went to pray with her. Next morning when she woke the light came flooding in.

Fasting shows the Lord that we are serious. If we are not making the progress we had hoped for through prayer

alone it is worth trying fasting as well, although I do acknowledge that some people on health grounds will not be able to fast.

Medical treatment

In Divine Healing Ministries we believe in working hand in hand with the medical profession. God does use them to bring healing, even if they do not always acknowledge the source of that healing. If you are receiving medical treatment, it would be wise to ask God both to guide the doctors and to anoint with His Spirit the treatment they prescribe.

You will now understand why I have called this pamphlet 'Many Channels of God's Healing'. God makes available to us a variety of ways in which we can receive healing. All of them require our co-operation. If we are prepared to make that effort a rich reward is in store for us.

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