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## **I Believe in Healing. Why Am I Not Healed?**

### **Chapter 6 - Reasons 11-15 Some Aren't Healed: Diligence**

This chapter emphasizes the importance of actively applying and acting on the Word of God, rather than just hearing and agreeing with it.

The chapter also addresses the need to actively "take the promised land" of healing and to persistently resist hindrances to receiving it.

The reasons covered in this chapter are:

- Be a Doer of the Word
- Taking the Promised Land
- Not Fighting Diligently for Healing
- People Tolerate Sickness
- Symptoms Can Be Lies

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## Reasons 11-15: Diligently Take It

Taking the healing God has given us not only requires faith; it requires diligence. God has done His part and provided healing for us, but we have to take it. But there are things we will have to do. Salvation, including healing, isn't automatic. It has to be personally appropriated.

To bear fruit in our lives, the truth we hear has to be acted on. As James says, we must become an active doer of what we have heard.

There will be a fight. There were enemies in the promised land God gave the Israelites that they had to fight and win over in order to take the land. The blessings and benefits of God are our promised land.

There are enemies that will try to keep us out of the land of healing. We will have to resist the devil and the sickness that came into the world with the curse. If we relax and accept sickness as normal and natural, it will stay.

### Reason 11: Be a Doer of the Word

#### Are you a doer of the Word?

Do you put into practice what you hear? It is easier said than done.

As we have seen, you need to mix faith with the promises. You also need to put them into practice. Genuine faith is of the heart. It is more than just hearing the Word and affirming you believe it. It includes acting on what you believe.

You say you believe in your heart, but if your actions don't follow what you believe, if you don't expect results, or if you continually speak contrary to what you say, your faith isn't yet deep enough in your heart.

There are probably thoughts and beliefs about God, about yourself, and about what God has provided, blocking the free flow of faith. You will need to take the time to work the truth down into your life—until you become not only a hearer but also a doer.

It isn't automatic to be a doer of the Word. You act on what is rooted and growing inside you. The truths of healing must become part of your unconscious thinking process. They need to

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become part of your daily thought habits to the place where healthy thoughts come without trying to have them. Thinking biblical thoughts about healing will need to become your default. It is a process to get God's Word and God's thoughts deep into your heart. You gradually replace your old ways of thinking with His ways.

*"He also asked, 'What else is the Kingdom of God like? It is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.'"*

*Luke 13:20-21 (NLT)*

The truths you hear are like yeast; they will permeate every part of your thinking and until they begin to control your life.

We all want to be doers of the Word. We think we are a doer of the Word because we hear and agree with a truth. But it is easy to deceive ourselves as to the degree we are actually doing what we have heard.

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and isn't a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."*

*James 1:22-25 (NKJV)*

There is more to being a doer of the Word than just hearing a truth once or twice. Notice that the doer CONTINUES in the Word. An active doer continues to look intently. If you don't take the time to go over a truth and feed on it until it becomes part of you, you won't be a doer of it—even though you want to.

More than hearing and agreeing with a truth is required. You must continue to look carefully at the truth you hear. Otherwise, you will go off and forget what you have heard. This is where the deception comes in. You think because you have heard the truth about healing and agree with it, you are a doer. This is very subtle; it is easy to deceive yourself. We all do it in many areas.

As James goes on in his epistle into the next chapter, he continues on the same subject. He begins to speak of faith and works (acting on what you believe).

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Your works show your true faith (inner beliefs). What is in your heart will come out in your words and actions.

*“What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?”*

*James 2:14 (NASB)*

*“Even so, faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, you have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”*

*James 2:17-18 (NASB)*

Faith is the substance of what you hope for (confidently and joyfully expect). Your deepest thoughts and beliefs are the source of your faith. Faith originates in the heart, but words and actions express and release it.

If you act on the Word without heart faith, without your heart agreeing, it lacks power and effectiveness. It is better to act on the Word than not, but it is even better to act on it from the heart.

*“But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the scripture was fulfilled which says, and Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness, and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.”*

*James 2:20-24 (NASB)*

If you genuinely believe something, you will act on it. You can say you believe something, like healing, for example, and then speak sickness, nurture sickness, and live sickness. This reveals a stronger belief in sickness than health.

In James 1 James was speaking of being a doer of the Word. Then he continues the same subject—going into more detail into what it means to be a doer of what you believe. He speaks of your works (actions) proving your “faith.” We miss this connection because it is a new chapter, and in our mind, we think it is a new subject.

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Your actions, as well as your words, are the gauge of where your faith rests. Your actions show your true beliefs. You say that you believe the whole Bible—because you want to, because you have chosen to, because you know it is true.

But do your words and actions prove and support your faith? When you relax your thoughts, does your mind automatically think scripturally, or does it go back to old ways of thinking that don't line up with God's Word?

This is a process; there is no condemnation. We are working towards a goal. Renewing the mind will take your whole lifetime. Be satisfied with progress not perfection.

Your life will reap results according to your true faith, what you really believe in the deepest places of your heart, not merely what you say you believe and want to believe.

*“But if you're not sure, if you notice that you are acting in ways inconsistent with what you say you believe, then you know that something is out of line.”*

*Romans 14:23 (MSG)*

I know this verse is about judging others regarding what they eat, but the words in this verse fit this situation so well.

Are you acting in ways inconsistent with what you say you believe? This is a sign that you might not believe what you think you believe.

## How do You Become a Doer of the Word?

Your doctrinal beliefs may not agree with your heart's beliefs. If you are not living what you believe, there is a gap.

‘Do you have a belief in the doctrine of healing? But is your belief something you experience in your life? Are you increasing in health? Or have you accepted sickness as a natural part of life? Do you have more faith in sickness, weakness, and the “natural” aging process than in God's healing provision?

Many Christians go to church, hear the Word, agree with it, and even delight in what they hear. They sometimes attempt to put it into practice while it is still fresh in their minds. But they lose most of what they hear because they don't continue to go over it and over it and over it. They forget what they heard. Only those who look intently and persevere become doers and receive the blessings of doing the Word.

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The blessing is in what you do—not only in what you know. How do you do it? You continue in it. You go over it repeatedly. If you just hear a message and agree with it, you will go off and forget it if you don't take the time to review what you have heard. If you don't feed on the truth you hear till it enters your heart and becomes part of you, you won't be a doer of it—even if you want to.

Below is more scripture supporting these points.

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it (declare, utter, speak, muse, make a sound, ponder) day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.”*

*Joshua 1:8 (NASB)*

Meditate on the Word day and night. Meditation includes thinking about it and speaking it. Only then can you act on what it says. And only when you the Word will you make your way prosperous and have success.

Again, this passage emphasizes that the blessing is in what you do, not just what you know.

## More Verses on This

*“So, Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”*

*John 8:31-32 (NASB)*

Jesus said that the one who continues in His Word is the one who will know the truth. And only then will the truth make him free. One who is a doer of the Word is a true disciple of Jesus.

*“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like*

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*a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”*

*Matthew 7:24-28 (Message)*

I love the way the Message Translations speaks of working His Words down into your life. If the Word is deep in your heart, integrated with your inner belief system, you will be able to successfully withstand the storms of life.

The Bible emphasizes hearing and doing. We must pay close attention to what we hear so that we don't drift away from it. This is saying the same thing as in James, where the hearer who doesn't continue in what he hears will forget it.

*“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we don't drift away from it. ...how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...”*

*Hebrews 2:1, 3 (NASB)*

When I give constant attention to the word and keep it in my heart until it actually becomes a part of me to the degree that I do it, then I will prosper and succeed.

Take the time to dig deep. Take the time to go over and over and over the Word of God you hear. Meditate on it day and night. Get it into your heart and mind and exchange your previous ways of thinking to God's ways of thinking. Then you are truly a doer of the Word and will prosper and have good success.

## Reason 12: Take the Promised Land

**You have been given healing: TAKE IT!**

We have covered how Jesus took our sickness and bore our infirmities as part of our redemption.

Healing belongs to all of us, but each individual must take the Promised Land of Health for themselves.

Healing isn't automatic. Health isn't the natural flow in the world. The world is under a curse, and sickness and disease are a part of this curse and come to everyone on earth.

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If we don't resist and fight against sickness and diligently take the healing God has provided, sickness and disease will be a regular part of our lives, just as for everyone else.

Our lives as Christians parallel the Old Testament. We have also been given a promised land, and we will have to take it.

*“Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he doesn't fall.”*

*1 Corinthians 10:11-12 (NASB)*

When they came to the promised land, God told the Israelites that He had given them the land. But it didn't stop there. God had given it to them, but they had to fight the inhabiting enemies, evict them, and take possession of the land. So do we.

Many Christians stand on the borders of the promised land and claim the promises and rejoice in them but never go into the land and kick the enemies out and take possession of it.

The principal enemies you have to displace are your old ways of thinking and acting. You kick them out by renewing your mind and replacing them with the truth.

Many Christians don't LIVE in the blessings and benefits of God. They enjoy them by faith but not experience. What God has given us, He wants us to experience, not just know about!

The promised land isn't heaven—as some have mistakenly thought. There is no need for healing in heaven. We need healing here and now on earth. That is why Jesus said to pray for things to be on earth as it is in heaven. We don't need provision in heaven. The streets are paved with gold. We need provision on earth.

Some may say, “I'm healed, thank you, Lord, I'm healed, you meet all my needs,” and they stand on the borders of the promised land and rejoice over what God has given them. But they don't go any further. They don't live in what God has provided.

If you go into the land to take possession of the land He's given you, you are going to have to fight and a battle. There are enemies in that land.

Most of the enemies you fight in taking your Promised Land are the enemies that are inside of you. They are your old ways of thinking, your unrenewed mind, and the fleshly ways of the natural man.

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Your greatest battle is in your thoughts and beliefs. The strongholds of the enemy keeping you out of the blessings of God are in your mind.

How can we gain victory over these enemies? The Word of God is our chief weapon to pull down these strongholds and cast down arguments and every lying thought that is contrary to the accurate knowledge of God.

These lies keep us from the blessings and provisions of God. The Word of God is our principal weapon to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

There are thoughts and ideas, things you believe about life and yourself, maybe things that came through your family culture that you accept as a normal part of life. You think (probably unconsciously) that these things will be part of your family forever, and therefore you have to have them too. But you don't.

*“Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”*

*1 Peter 1:18-19 (NASB)*

The blood redeems us from the ways of life inherited from our forefathers. I would say this verse is speaking of what they call generational curses. The Blood redeems us from generational curses. You don't have to go back into your past and repent for your ancestors to be free; the blood has already redeemed you.

But you will need to appropriate the freedom. Take it by faith and possess it. Say, “I am redeemed. I am free from any negative thing inherited from my forefathers. I break the hold of any generational stronghold. By the Blood of Christ, I am redeemed! This sickness may have run in my family, but it stops here! From here on throughout my generations, we walk in health.”

Be specific about what you are breaking and claiming victory over. You have the authority to do this. If there is a sickness, disease, or bondage that has run in your family, refuse it, command it to stop, break its power. This will work on any negative thing in your previous generations. You can also stop it from being part of future generations.

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## Many Things in the Kingdom of God Take Effort

People think that if God wants them healed, He'll just heal them, and then they wait and they wait and they wait and hope that God will heal them. They believe Jesus took their infirmities and by His stripes they are healed, and it is automatic.

They may get prayer over and over and keep hoping that maybe this time it will work. But many die of their sickness—because they don't realize it isn't automatic; they have to take what God has given.

We covered the doctrine of extreme sovereignty earlier—the belief that God is in control of everything and always gets His way. We saw that much of what happens in our lives isn't because God wills it, but because of what we believe and think. The issues of life (what controls our life) come out of our own heart (Proverbs 4:23).

The thought that if God wants you healed, He'll just heal you isn't true. He wants you healed—so much that He already provided healing for you, so much that Jesus bore the stripes for your healing upon His back. But you will have to fight for the things He has given—just as they did in the Old Testament.

*“Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I won't fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.”*

*Joshua 1:3-6 (NASB)*

This is interesting because there are two tenses going on at the same time. Every place that the soul of your foot treads (present tense), I have given it to you (past tense).

The whole Christian life is a mixture of tenses. He has provided all we need, but much of it we are not yet living.

We used to call this the legal side (what God did and provided for us in Christ) and the vital side (what we are actually living).

There shouldn't be a problem with not yet experiencing what we have. We must learn to see and acknowledge both sides of the question at the same time.

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We can have what He has given even if we have not yet experienced it. He has already given it in the past, but we must take it in the present.

It is like having the title deed to a home you have not yet moved into. It is yours, you know it is yours, but you have not yet taken possession of it. You own it as soon as you sign the final papers. The final papers have been signed for your healing. It is yours! Move into the healing house.

There is another verse that also shows this. This verse covers three tenses, present, past, and future all in one prayer.

*“Therefore, I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you, or as other translations say, you will have them.”*

*Mark 11:24 (NASB)*

- When you pray: present tense.
- Believe that you have received them: past tense.
- You will have them: future tense.

So, if you pray for your healing and don't see results at the time of prayer, it makes no difference. Saying you are healed before feeling healed or your body responding isn't a lie. It is based on God's provision and eternal word. If you believe you receive when you pray and continue to believe with no doubt (V. 23), you WILL have the things you ask. Jesus is the one who said this.

This has confused many, but it is simple. We live in two realms at the same time. We have it in God's spiritual realm, but the natural realm has not yet caught up. But it will if we continue to believe and apply His Word.

## How Do You Take the Land?

How do you take it? I would say first you need to find out what your land is. You find that in the Bible. Healing is part of the promised land of our salvation. We covered this in early chapters.

To see things you have not yet seen, you are going to have to read the Bible as if you have never read it before. I don't mean to read harder; I mean, read with openness to see what is

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there and take off your religious glasses. Otherwise, your traditions and preconceived ideas will blind you.

Study to find out what God has provided for you. But don't stop there. Take it.

To take the land of healing, you will need to fight the fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12) and strip off the things that hinder you (Hebrews 12:1-2) from living in all that God has provided. You will have to take the land of healing diligently and intentionally.

They received the land once, but taking it, evicting the enemies, and settling down was an ongoing process.

*“Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea [the Mediterranean] your territory shall be. There shall no man be able to stand before you; the Lord your God shall lay the fear and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread, as He has said to you.”*

*Deuteronomy 11:24-25 (AMPC)*

Every place where the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours.

Who is it up to how much of the promised land you take? God has given us all that we need, but only those who tread on it, who take it, will possess it and live in it. This is a major reason many are not living in the land of health and healing, even though they believe in it.

So, why do some Christians get healed and some don't? Some don't tread on healing. They don't take the time to discover what the scripture says, nor do they realize they must actively take it.

Or if they do, they lack the motivation to fight the fight and put in the effort required to take it. There is too much “Que sera, sera, whatever will be will be” in our approach to spiritual things.

Although God has provided freely in Christ, we must take these provisions forcefully. And if we don't, we won't experience them. God doesn't want us to be slack to go in and possess what He has given.

*“And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, how long are you slack to go in and possess the land which the Lord, the God of you fathers, has given you?”*

*Joshua 18:3 (NASB)*

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We should be continually moving forward and taking more of our promised land in Christ.

As the Apostle Paul says,

*“Not that I have already obtained it, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which I was laid hold of. This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press on towards the goal for the prize on the upward call in Christ Jesus.” (which includes the healing He has provided).*

*Philippians 3:12-14 (NASB)*

No longer stand at the edge of the promised land of healing, thanking God for it but failing to take it. This leads to the next point I will be covering. We may need to fight diligently for our healing.

## Reason 13: Not Fighting for Healing

Although God's provision and healing are available to all, healing isn't automatic. We covered this a little in the previous section. But it is so important that we need to cover from a slightly different angle.

Though God has freely given us His provisions in Christ, we must forcefully take them. You will need to fight the fight to take hold and live in what the Lord has provided. The enemy is defeated, but you must enforce the enemy's defeat. The enemy and his stealing, killing and destroying will stay until you make him leave.

He is the deceiver and the father of lies and will trick you into thinking you have to stay sick, that you will always be sick, that somehow the wonderful things God has provided don't apply to you.

*“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called...”*

*1 Timothy 6:12 (NASB)*

Jesus came to give us eternal life, a life that is more than abundant, the life of God Himself (ZOE). He gave it, but we will need to fight the fight of faith to take hold of it. If we don't fight and take hold, we won't enjoy the fullness of all He has given.

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God has given us abundant life, full provision, all of our needs met, healing, and health, but we must fight the fight of faith to possess them. It is a fight to take hold of the wonderful, abundant life of fulfilling our place in life. It doesn't just happen.

A fight takes effort. The Lord is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). There is a diligence that God loves and is looking for in His people. There is a diligence without which we can't please God.

*“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”*

*2 Peter 1:2-4 (NASB)*

*“Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge.”*

*2 Peter 1:5 (NASB)*

God has provided all for every one of us, but we won't experience it unless we apply diligence. Diligence is the first thing we need to apply to partake of everything pertaining to life and godliness (including healing).

What happens to those who don't apply diligence in seeking Him? What happens to those who aren't diligent regarding the promises of God?

Do they miss some of their reward? Do they not partake of the divine nature? I don't think they don't miss out in heaven, but certainly on earth. Jesus instructed us to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let your life fulfill His prayer. But it won't just fall on you. Apply diligence to the promises.

What is the fight of faith? Faith is what you believe. Where is this fight? The fight is in your belief systems.

The fight we fight is in our mind and heart. We are not fighting flesh and blood. The major battle we must fight is in renewing our minds and taking our thoughts captive to the place we believe in and trust in God and His provision.

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## Pull Down Strongholds

*“For though we walk in the flesh, we don’t war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”*

*2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB)*

Who are you fighting? Where is the battle? According to Ephesian 6:10-12, your struggle isn’t against people.

You are not fighting TO GET healed. Your fight is to believe you are already healed. You are fighting the fight of faith to take hold of what is already yours.

The battle is in the mind. You are fighting to believe what Jesus has already done for your health, remove any hindrances or anything blocking His provisions in your life, and walk in it!

We have been given mighty weapons to pull down strongholds in the mind. No stronghold is more powerful than God’s weapons.

## What is a Stronghold?

A stronghold in the mind is a thought that has a strong hold on you. It is a thought that you have thought so long and so constantly that it has become part of who you are.

A stronghold is a thought that controls your life behind the scenes. Usually, by the time it is a stronghold, you don’t even know you are thinking the thought; it is no longer in your conscious mind.

But it controls your life. You experience the emotions and feelings and resulting behaviors of these strong thoughts and beliefs deep in your heart.

Every stronghold has a root thought. You might not be aware of this thought. There are times you need to get to the root, to find when, where, and why you accepted a lie in place of truth. Then you can pull it up by the roots. You replace the root thought you accepted as true with the actual truth.

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This is a process and is necessary to pull down the strongholds and bring every thought captive to obedience to Christ.

God's weapons can destroy any stronghold, no matter how deeply embedded or long-standing. God's weapons are effective and powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

How do we find and eliminate these things? We bring every thought captive to the standard of God's Word. The Word shows them up. We reject thoughts that don't measure up to God's Word and strengthen those that do. New positive strongholds, filled with truth, will then replace the old negative strongholds. The battle in our minds is the key place we need to fight and win.

We are transformed from the old man and the old ways into the new man in Christ by renewing our minds. It is through the promises of God that we partake of His divine nature (part of which is health).

To be effective in pulling down strongholds, God's truth must permeate down beneath the conscious level and replace the unconscious thoughts based on the lies we have believed. A stronger, deeper thought pattern displaces the stronghold.

Ephesians 4:24 tells us to be renewed in the spirit of our mind. Your mind has a spirit.

Renewing the mind isn't just a mental exercise. The renewal must happen in the spirit of your mind. There is a deeper level of renewing the mind than most of us get to. Renewing the mind will have to affect the subconscious and unconscious parts of the mind to be fully effective.

## Resist with Persistence, Faith and Patience

Your health is based on an ongoing decision to walk in health and enforce Christ's victory. Walking in health can require persistence and a firm stand on the Word of God and His promises.

It takes faith and patience to inherit the promises (Hebrews 6:12). You must be more persistent than the sickness that attacks us all. The devil (and his sickness) won't leave if you don't actively and consistently resist him. But when you resist the devil, he will flee (James 4:7).

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If you accept something, you are not resisting it. If you look at sickness as a normal part of life on earth, you are not resisting it; you are not fighting it, and it will stay—no matter how much you hope for God to heal you.

If you don't resist sickness, it will stay even though you believe in healing. But it doesn't have to. You can be free. You can live healthily.

Why do we accept sickness? Why do we think it's normal? Everybody gets sick, and so do we. Continual sickness may be a continual reality in the world, but it isn't part of God's kingdom. Sickness didn't exist before the curse. There was no sickness in the Garden of Eden. It was not a part of the world God made and called good.

Sickness came in with sin, death and the curse, and because of our redemption from the curse, we can escape living under its effects (Galatians 3:13-14).

God's people get sick because we live in a cursed world and also because we live in a mortal body while here. But according to scripture, He will give life and health to your mortal body while we live in this world.

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

*Romans 8:11 (NKJV)*

Sickness and disease shouldn't be the reality in the church. It shouldn't be in your life.

Sickness will come against everybody who lives in this world in some form or another. Unless we learn what belongs to us, and we make the effort to stop it, it is going to come on us too.

To change the trend that the church is just as sick as the world, we need to change what we believe and resist sickness when it comes instead of accepting it.

Jesus instructed us to pray for God's will to be done on Earth as it is in heaven. There is no sickness in heaven. Jesus Himself is the one who told us to pray this prayer. Did He really mean it? Can we really have this? I think if we can believe anybody, we can believe Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-3 is another scripture that speaks of effort in ridding ourselves of obstacles, hindrances, and sin.

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*“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, Let’s also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and Let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you won’t grow weary and lose heart.”*

*Hebrews 12:1-3 (NASB)*

Some see this scripture as only speaking of forsaking sin, but it also speaks of casting aside all that hinders us from God’s plan for us. Part of His plan for you is health and healing. What hinders you from healing? This needs to be stripped off and put aside.

How do we do this? We fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. What He has begun in us, He will complete.

We follow the example of Jesus. How intense was Jesus’ fight in resisting sin? How much effort went into His resistance? He resisted to the point of shedding blood.

*“You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.”*

*Hebrews 12:4 (NASB)*

There is a fight and a striving in walking with the Lord, putting off the old man and putting on the new, casting aside all sin and every hindrance and obstacle. We have not resisted the old things and pressed on into the new things, striving to the point of shedding blood.

Many things God has provided we won’t get without diligence. Sometimes you may have to resist harder and longer than you would like. Follow the example of Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

Declare war on sickness and disease in your body. Develop a habit of standing against all sickness and disease as you do against sin—every time it shows up!!!

Never accept it as natural and normal or as a friend you invite to come into your home. It will be a rude house guest and will take over if you let it.

*“Therefore, don’t throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will*

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*come, and won't delay. But my righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*

*Hebrews 10:35-38 (NASB)*

You need endurance to receive the full reward and carry away what God has promised.

*"Show diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end (take all of the promised land), so that you won't be sluggish but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Abraham, having patiently waited obtained the promise."*

*Hebrews 6:11-15 (NASB)*

It takes faith and patience to inherit the promises even though they are already ours. This verse encourages us not to be sluggish but to press on with faith and patience to follow the example of Abraham.

Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. Sometimes there is a time element involved in receiving the promises of God. That is why it takes patience.

*"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you."*

*1 Peter 5:8-10 (NKJV)*

Resist him (and his sickness), steadfast in faith...

Steadfast. That means you need to put some effort or "umph" into it. Dig your feet into the ground of healing and stand immovable. Refuse to do without it. God has paid a great price for your healing.

We are to resist the devil and his sickness steadfastly. For some reason God likes this. He rewards diligence (Hebrews 11:6).

After you have stood and resisted, God Himself will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. When you have done your part, He will do His part.

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## Reason 14: People Tolerate Sickness

People put up with sickness because they believe it is normal for everyone to get sick from time to time. Some even believe God wants them to be sick or “allows” them to be sick for His divine purpose.

Sickness is a natural part of life, but life on earth is under the curse that came when Adam and Eve sinned, and God has redeemed us from the curse.

Sickness is in the world and comes to all, but you don’t have to accept it. You can and should resist it. Sickness is an enemy of God and of God’s Creation. It will come to you and be a part of your life if you expect it to. But you don’t have to be sick.

In his book, “The Bible Secret to Divine Health,” Gordon Lindsay, the Founder of Christ of the Nations, says.

*“This book reveals one of the most practical secrets for daily living found in the Bible. It recognizes divine healing as God’s promise for the believer but—and this is important—it goes further. It teaches the profound truth that God doesn’t intend for His children to be sick at all.*

*Having more than thirty years of experience in divine healing ministry, I have observed one circumstance which I believe is the main hindrance to receiving permanent deliverance from sickness. Christians, even those who believe in divine healing, tend to accept occasional sickness and getting healed as normal—as God’s order for life. But it has been made clear in the Word of God that it isn’t divine healing but divine health which is God’s intended plan for His children.*

*A careful study of both the Old and New Testaments reveals that divine healing is more or less an emergency measure provided by the Lord for believers when they, through neglect of health laws or for some other reason, become ill. In this case, deliverance may be obtained from the Great Physician.”*

*Gordon Lindsay - “The Bible Secret to Divine Health”*

Let’s take the time to search out what the Word of God teaches about who we are, who He is, what He has provided regarding healing, and discover His will. Then let us replace anything contrary in our belief systems with His truth. When we do this, we will be well on our way to a healthier, more prosperous life

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## Reason 15: Symptoms Can Be Lies

Many times, the enemy brings a symptom to you as a test to see if you will take it and make it yours. If you accept it as something real and treat it as real, it will become real,. But if you resist it when you first feel it, it will flee and never develop into anything tangible at all.

*“They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.”*

*Jonah 2:8-10*

What is a vanity? A vanity is a deceit, a lie, a falsehood. It is emptiness and without form. If I pay attention to lies and deceits, I will miss out on God’s best.

I have decided not to pay attention to lying vanities, lies, or falsehoods.

In my life as a Christian, 90% of symptoms that have come upon me have been lies, and when I resisted them, they turned into nothing and just passed by. If I had accepted them as a reality and started acting and speaking like I was sick, they would have taken hold and become an ailment that stayed.

Some, as they get older, accept every ache and pain as normal because it is a part of aging. To this I give a resounding, “NO!!!! He renews my youth. If Moses and Aaron could climb a mountain at the end of life, so can I!” I can and will maintain my health and strength until the end of my life because I am provided strength and health.

If a symptom persists or seems more serious, then you might need to take added steps and seek medical attention.

But personally, I treat all symptoms as lies when they show up, and this has worked for me for over fifty years for me and for my children when they were young.

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## Activations

- Ask the Lord to reveal to you reasons you are not as healthy as you wish you were—and EXPECT Him to tell you—James 1:5-8
- The Lord examines the heart and mind and will get to the heart of the matter.

*"The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle that no one can figure out. But I, God, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things. I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be."*

*Jeremiah 17:9-10 (MSG)*

- Find scriptures that counteract the lies you find in your belief systems, write them out, and speak them to yourself to break the old patterns.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Tear down the strongholds in your mind and line up your thinking with God's Word.
- Purposely and intentionally believe what God has said. You will be transformed by changing what you think.
- Spend time with the Lord seeing yourself with the promises of God manifested. Visualize your life healthy. Ask, "What would my life look like if this sickness was gone?"

If you take the time to go over these things and do the activations regularly, your health will improve.

If you continue to go over them, you can grow to a place where health is more normal to you than sickness, weakness, and disease.

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