

The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit

This week we examine the spiritual gift of **healings**. As noted in our previous study the apostle Paul makes a distinction between the gift of healings and the gift of miracles.

1) The gift of healings

*“And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that **miracles**, then gifts of **healings**, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.”*

1Corinthians 12:28

Make a list of four or five healings recorded in the Bible:

2) How is the gift of healings different from medical practices and medicine that help sick people get better?

3) Read 2Corinthians 12:7-10

The Bible tells us that God worked through the apostle Paul to heal many people (e.g. Acts 14:8-10 & 28:7-10). However, God did *not* heal the apostle Paul! According to Paul's own words why wasn't he healed?

4) 2Timothy 4:19-20

*“Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus stayed in Corinth, **but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.**”*

Here we read that the apostle Paul left his friend Trophimus in the city of Miletus, sick! What can we discern from this scripture and Paul's personal experience about the gift of healings?

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5) In view of what you just read does God heal everyone we pray for?

Why or why not?

6) How would you respond to someone who proclaimed, *“God hasn’t healed you because you don’t have enough faith.”*

7) Read James 5:13-18

What should you do when you or someone you know are sick?

8) Do you believe that God still heals people today? Why or why not?

9) How can you discern if someone really has the gift of healings?