

Keys To Releasing God's Healing Power



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God's Permanent Healing

Most people have the concept that the things God does in their lives are short lived. I've even heard it expressed that we are leaky vessels, and we need regular fillings of the Holy Ghost, healing or whatever. Now don't get me wrong; the experience of some people is that what God does in their lives can diminishes over time. I will grant you that. Furthermore, there are scriptural examples of people being filled with the Holy Spirit more than once (Acts 4:31), but it doesn't have to be that way. Paul's statement in Romans 11:29 leaves a different impression. That verse says, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

Paul is saying that the things God gives us aren't temporary. He doesn't take them back. He doesn't change (Malachi 3:6). He is the same toward us at all times (Hebrews 13:8). We are the ones who change.

There has to be a major paradigm shift in our thinking. Instead of asking God to touch you again if you aren't sensing His love, you need to recognize that God hasn't stopped loving you and you must encourage yourself in the love of God. This is what David did in I Samuel 30:6 and this is what we are told to do in [Jude 1:21](#): "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

If I were God (aren't we all glad I'm not!), it would offend me to hear the people I died for and have promised my unflinching love to, ask questions like, "Do You still love me? I know what Your Word says, but I don't feel anything." Praise God for His faithfulness and stability. Even though our Father is much more understanding than I am, I know it doesn't please Him to have His children constantly come to Him asking for things He has already given. It's simply unbelief and that doesn't please Him (Hebrews 11:6).

The truth is, once we are healed, God's healing never leaves our lives. We may quit walking in that anointing, but God didn't take that healing back. It's still there. So, if sickness returns, it's not time to plead with God for healing again but time to get ourselves back into what God has already given us. If we lose the joy of the Lord, God didn't take it away, we simply quit focusing on the things that released God's joy in our lives in the

first place. All we have to do to get it again is go back to where we left it and get back on track.

This is liberating thinking, yet it bothers some people. I think the reason they are bothered is because of this generation's fear of responsibility. We seldom want to accept personal responsibility for our actions and their consequences. We don't want to feel badly about ourselves. We love to say, "The reason I'm the way I am is because of them or something someone did to me or some medical problem. It's that woman you gave me" (Genesis 3:12).

This attitude has infiltrated the church. Christians are saying that God is the one who is holding back revival and we have to plead with Him to change His mind and have mercy on us. GET A GRIP! God wants revival more than we do! We don't need to plead with Him. He is pleading with us to get in the flow and release His power into the world. The same thing applies to healing, joy, peace, and everything else Jesus purchased for us through His death and resurrection. God wants us to have these things and has already blessed us with them (Ephesians 1:3). If we aren't experiencing them, it's not God who is not giving, it is us who are not receiving.

God never leaves us. He promised He wouldn't (Matthew 28:20). It's only our perception of His closeness that varies.

Understanding this changes everything. It will change the way you pray, the way you believe and the way you act. God is never our problem. God is never the one who has to be awakened and aroused to action. It's always us that turns off our receivers or drifts to another frequency. Therefore, all repairs have to be made to our receivers, not God's transmitter.

Romans 1:21 lists four things that people do to deaden themselves to the transmissions of God. **The first thing is they quit glorifying Him as God.** This means they quit valuing what He has done in their lives. The same Greek word that was translated "glorify" in Romans 1:21 was translated "magnify" in Romans 11:13. So, to glorify God is to magnify God. What does that mean? How can we make God bigger?

The truth is we can't make God bigger. He is who He is regardless of what we think. Our unbelief doesn't change His

nature and character, but as far as our perception goes, we can magnify God. Our thoughts either magnify God or magnify the devil. Whatever occupies our attention is automatically magnified through our thoughts. Whatever we neglect to focus our attention on is diminished. The sad truth is that many of us have magnified the negative and diminished the positive unintentionally. The devil puts a little toothpick in our path and by the time we get through worrying over it, it becomes this huge baseball bat with which he beats our brains out. The good news is that we can reverse this process.

The second thing Romans 1:21 lists as something that diminishes our awareness of God's revelation is that we are unthankful. Paul listed unthankfulness as one of the signs of the end times and put it in the same verse as covetousness, pride, blasphemy, and unholiness (II Timothy 3:1-2). Not many people would argue that today, we have a society of whiners and complainers. We are more prosperous than any people who have ever lived on the earth. We have more advantages. The opportunities are limitless. Yet suicides are at an all-time high. People have to regulate their moods with pills. There are more miserable people than ever before. They are pining away for what they don't have instead of being thankful for what they do have.

Psalm 69:30 says, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." Thanksgiving magnifies God. That was the first point in Romans 1:21. These things are connected. You can't truly glorify or magnify God if you aren't thankful. They go hand in hand. A heart of thankfulness and gratitude is a necessity if you are going to maintain your revelation of God's love and faithfulness.

Romans 1:21 goes on to mention a vain imagination as the next step toward losing God's revelation. Our imaginations are much more important than most people realize. The Hebrew word that was translated "imagination" in the Old Testament literally means "conception" (Strong). Our imaginations are where we conceive new ideas. Without a vivid imagination, we are spiritually and creatively sterile.

A builder uses a blueprint to imagine what he is going to build. Our imaginations are the part of us that allow us to give directions to others or return to a place we've already been. We

don't physically go down the street and see four traffic lights and then take a right. We see these things with our minds, not our physical eyes. That's our imagination. We use our imaginations to go up and down the aisles of the grocery store and see the things we want to put on our list before we get to the store. We can't function without a good imagination.

Since we have failed to glorify God and be thankful, our imaginations have automatically become vain. That doesn't mean they are not working; they're working all right, but they only see the negative, not the positive. A person with a vain imagination is a pessimist instead of an optimist. They consistently imagine failure instead of success. They have a critical spirit. That pretty much describes a large segment of our society and a large part of the body of Christ. It's because we have let our imaginations become vain through not glorifying God and being thankful.

The last step in this downward slide described in Romans 1:21 is our foolish hearts become darkened. This is describing a person who is no longer able to perceive truth because of a hardened heart. Paul described this condition as "the blindness of their hearts" in Ephesians 4:18. Certainly, this is descriptive of the majority of our culture today. We are calling good evil and evil good (Isaiah 5:20).

Many Christians are desperately praying for God to reverse this condition of the heart in people in our society and even in their own hearts; however, we can't have sensitive hearts to God without doing the first three things listed in Romans 1:21. All of this is interrelated. We have to go back to the beginning and start glorifying and magnifying God. Next, we must be thankful. That will lead to a positive imagination that will in turn soften our hearts toward God and return our ability to perceive spiritual truth.

These are just some of the life-changing keys we will study. There is much more to come!