



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE WORD

Divine Healing 101

☞ Seven Steps to Healing ☞

1. Introduction

- A. There are seven steps to healing found in the story of Naaman, the commander in chief of the Syrian army (2 King 5:1-15).
- B. Naaman was diagnosed with leprosy. In that time, leprosy caused a slow, torturous, living death, in isolated suffering.
- C. Sickness and disease are fowl, inhumane things and are not numbered among the blessings of God.
- D. Disease is not of God. It comes from satan, the enemy who comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).
- E. God does not put disease on people to teach them a lesson or to “whip them into shape.”
- F. Jesus Christ came **against** all manner of disease and came to heal (save) the sick.
- G. In Greek, the word *sozo*, often translated as “save,” is the same word for “heal.”
- H. Jesus laid His hands on the sick, and they were healed.

*“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing **every** sickness and **every** disease among the people.”*

- Matthew 9:35

- I. Jesus healed every sickness and all diseases among the people.
- J. Christ touched people, and people touched Him.
- K. In this lesson on Naaman's miracle, there are seven rules of faith that Christians can use today for healing.

2. Recognize Disease as Oppression

- A. **Step One** - Christians must recognize sickness and disease as oppression from the devil.
- B. This rule of faith was made plain to us by the Apostle Peter while he was preaching to a soldier at the home of Cornelius in Caesarea.
 - 1. Peter knew about the compassion of Jesus for suffering humanity.
- C. What Peter said is the summation of the ministry of Jesus:

*"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing **all** who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."*

- Acts 10:38

- 1. "All" means "all" in every single language!

***Satan is the destroyer of human life.
Jesus is the destroyer of the works of satan.***

- D. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all speak of Jesus and His healing power.
 - 1. These gospels tell how Jesus found people and how people found Jesus.
 - 2. Jesus healed all manner of diseases and delivered people from demons.
 - 3. Jesus healed **all**.
- E. The healing virtue of Jesus flowed from Him like a pure mountain stream.

1. This healing virtue is available right now to all people who would have faith in Jesus Christ and believe in His healing power.
2. Ask, believe, and receive.

F. Jesus did not turn away any person. He looked for faith. There is no difference or hindrance because of a person's race, gender, denomination, or lineage (Jew or Gentile).

*"Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and **as you have believed, so let it be done for you.**" And his servant was healed that same hour."*

- Matthew 8:13

G. Jesus healed and delivered **all**: the blind, deaf, crippled, broken hearted, and demon-possessed.

*"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you **were** healed."*

- 1 Peter 2:24

H. Healing is already done.

I. Healing power was given to the followers of Jesus, and many of them were outstandingly successful in delivering people.

"So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them."

- Acts 5:15

J. Peter's shadow was used as a point of contact, and those who fell under his shadow were healed.

1. In South America, God said he would show the instructor a "double portion" and told him to wave his hand over the group of 28 people at the gathering. Everyone fell out in the Spirit, including the interpreter.
2. He wants to see that happening in stadiums around the world.
3. There are 300,000 per day getting saved in Africa.
4. God is on the move around the world.

5. Muslim men have had encounters with Jesus telling them, *"I am the way, the truth and the life."*
- K. God is going to use lay people to heal the sick like the stories found in Acts 6 and 8 when Stephen and Phillip were laymen in the church, and through faith in Jesus Christ, they brought outstanding healings to many oppressed people.
- L. Paul describes the nine gifts of the Spirit, which include the gift of healing, the gift of faith, discernment of spirits, and the gift of miracles (1 Corinthians 12).
1. Abraham sent Eliezer to find a wife for his son Isaac. He took ten camels. He rode one camel, and nine others were loaded with gifts for the bride, Rebekah.
 2. Soon, the gift of prophecy is going to be working in the church in ways never before seen because God is raising up prophets and apostles in this day.
- M. God alone is the healer. All of the glory and honor goes to God, not any individual whom God uses.
- N. Every gift from God is to be used for the deliverance of others.
- O. God is love, compassion, and healing, while satan is the source of human torment.
- P. God is the source of life.
- Q. The power of God to heal is still active today.
- R. God loves all people in all walks of life.
- S. God still saves, and He still heals.
- T. Remember that sickness and disease do not come from God. They are oppression from the devil.

God is the Healer

While God uses people to heal others, He alone gets the honor and glory for that healing.

3. Believe the Message

- A. **Step Two** - Do not ever forget or lose sight of the message that Jesus came to save and heal all. Believe the message.
- B. Christians have different doctrines, and they have become narrow-minded and bigoted in their creeds.

*“Now John answered Him, saying, ‘Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.’ But Jesus said, ‘**Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.**’”*

- Mark 9:38-39

- C. Praise God and give Him glory and honor for anybody doing miracles from any denomination, family, color, or creed.
 - 1. Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, and Catholics are all a part of Christianity.
 - 2. There are not denominational buttons to be worn in heaven.
- D. The church should be of one mind and one accord. All Christians are in Christ.
- E. The enemy is satan, not people in another denomination.
- F. Use the word of God and believe in the message of Jesus Christ.

4. Go Where the Power Is

- A. **Step Three** - Go where the power is, wherever God is working through a man/woman of God.
- B. A few seconds in the power of God can change your life forever.
- C. When the blue mist rolls into a room, everyone in the room gets healed.
 - 1. Example - coalminers who came into church when it was cold in the winter and sat on the back row spitting tobacco into a cup
 - 2. The blue mist rolled in, and everyone got filled with Holy Ghost, healed, knocked out, and/or gave their lives to Jesus Christ.

- D. Leave the land of Egypt and go to the Promised Land.
- E. Abram was invited to leave the land of the Chaldeans and go to a land that God would show him.
- F. Naaman had to leave the land of Syria and go to the land of Jehovah to be healed.
 - 1. A slave girl who worked for Naaman's wife shared how the master could be healed.
 - 2. She did not even have her name recorded in the Bible.
 - 3. Being used one time can change a whole family or community.
- G. Naaman did not even believe in the power of God, but when he went to the man of God where the power was, he was healed.

One unnamed person can change an entire family system or community.

5. Put Faith in God

- A. **Step Four** - You must put your faith in God, not people. Not a doctor, lawyer, preacher, man, or woman.
- B. Have confidence in and go to a man/woman of God, but you must put your faith in God's power alone.
- C. Though you may lay hands on the sick and watch them be healed, you are only God's instrument.
- D. Your deliverance happens by your faith in God and His healing power.
- E. To be healed, one's heart must be right and in tune with God.
- F. Sometimes, God will show you your condition.
 - 1. Example - God had to change some attitude problems with Naaman before he was healed.
- G. You cannot be bound by preconceived notions or concepts.

- H. It would be awful if someone you loved was not healed of a disease because you attended a church that did not believe in healing.

6. Accept the Correction of God

- A. **Step Five** - When God corrects Christians, they must humble themselves and be willing to accept the correction, admitting that they are wrong.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

- B. Repentance is a change of mind before it becomes a change of heart.
- C. Christians must bow before God, humble themselves, and accept God’s ways.

7. Get in God’s Presence

- A. **Step Six** – Find a secret place to get into God’s presence without a timetable.
- B. There are a lot of people who would be better off if they would get into God’s presence, lose some things that feel important to them, and let God do some things that are important to Him.
- C. You may need to change friends.
- D. Desire God’s presence so much that it produces a willingness to change thought patterns and habits.

8. Use a Point of Contact

- A. **Step Seven** - Use a point of contact to be healed, such as your hands, a prayer cloth, or a Bible.
- B. The instructor’s faith is strong because he has seen the miracles of God.
- C. When the instructor prays for the sick, he releases his faith using anointing oil and prayer cloths as a point of contact.
- D. The purpose of a point of contact is to build another person’s faith.

- E. Naaman had to dip seven times in the Jordan River. The river was his point of contact.
- F. Christians must prepare for a healing by believing in the gift of healing, *knowing* that God will heal them, and then releasing their faith.
- G. What God did for Naaman, He will do for anyone!

*“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.**”*

- Isaiah 53:5

- H. When someone receives it, God is a healer.
- I. When Naaman did what God required him to do, he was healed.
- J. God may require you to do something to demonstrate your faith to receive healing.