Principles of Healing

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1. Law vs Principle

a. Both speak of the relationship between two quantities or objects.

b. Law defines aspects of the relationship as ‘never changing’; absolute in consistency.

c. Principle is an aspect of relationship consistent enough to be true, yet not absolute.

d. We will be looking at principles that are true between God/healing and the person. But we must not turn these principles into laws or they will work against us.

2. Principle of Faith

a. God responds to Faith.

1. Matt. 9:22; “Your faith has healed you.”

2. Matt. 9:29, “According to your faith it will be done.”

3. Matt.13:58, “He didn’t do many miracles because of their unbelief.

4. Matt.21:21, “.If you have faith and do not doubt…”

b. Four kinds of faith

1. Mark 9:17-29: “If you can” (weak faith) Man was honest about his faith.

2. Mark 1:40-42: “If you are willing” Did not doubt Christ’s ability but His character.

3. Mark 5:24-34: “If I can” (confident faith) Jesus- “Your faith has made you well.”

4. Mark 10:46-52: “I can’t, but He can” Persisted past obstacles.

c. Faithfulness of Jesus

1. Jesus met them all at the point of their faith. They all persisted in asking.

2. Do not make this principle a law or it will condemn you or you will enter denial.

3. Principle of Sin

a. All sickness is in the world due to sin. (Rev. 21)

b. John 5:1-14: “Go and sin no more that something worse comes upon you.”

c. James 5:14-16: Confess your sins and prayer for one another that you may be healed.

d. God may give you insight concerning sin, but it will be specific not general.

e. If Jesus did not heal people because of sin in their lives than no one He prayed for would have been healed.

4. Principle of the Anointed Person

a. Times of greater and lesser Anointing

1. Jesus’ anointing in Luke 5:17 but less in Mark 6:4-6

2. Peter’s shadow heals the sick. Acts 5:12, 15

3. Paul does extra- ordinary miracles in Acts 19:11, 12

4. Stephen in Acts 6:8

5. Phillip in Acts 8:6, 9

6. Gift of Healing in 1 Cor. 12: 28, 29. Rhetorical question: Do all work miracles?

b. The “little-ole-me’s”

1. If you turn this principle into a law you might miss out on the unknown people that God wants to use. It’s God doing the healing not the person.

5. Principle of Feeling the Anointing

a. Anointing can be felt

1. Mk. 5:30, “Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him.”

2. Lk. 5:17, “The power of the Lord was present to heal them.”

3. Lk. 6:19, “People tried to touch Him because power was coming from Him”

b. What does anointing feel like?

1. Electricity, tingling, fire, heat, vibration, weight, unusual confidence, or a strong awareness of His Presence. This is based on historical and sociological studies; for there is no biblical description.

c. Our faith and obedience is not in what we feel, but in the Word and Character of God.

1. Turn this principle into a law and you will only obey and pray when you feel something. Our feelings become what we are obeying and not God and His word.

6. Principle of Compassion

a. Being moved with compassion was a way Jesus discerned the Father.

1. Compassion moved Jesus to teach. Mk. 6:34

2. Compassion moved Jesus to feed. Matt. 15:32-37

3. Compassion moved Jesus to heal. Matt. 14:14; Matt. 20:34, Mk. 1:41

b. Many times Jesus and others healed without mention of compassion.

c. Turn it into this principle into a law and it will hinder your obedience to God when you do not have compassion.

7. These principles are indicators not dictators.

a. These principles are true and occur often enough to be aware of as we pray.

b. They are not to dictate to us rather we pray or not.

c. For God heals people when faith is weak; sin is present, when there is neither anointing nor compassion.