

Ministering Scriptural Healing Overview

A) Overview

As you start to minister, **most** of all remember that you are **not** God. Next remember that you are **not** the healer. Then remember that these persons are in their conditions as a result of a lifetime of decisions made by them or their ancestors or both. Finally, they have already lived their entire lives without you. You are **not** indispensable to them. Now to begin, think of the Healing Ministry as having four parts, which are listed below:

- 1) Diagnostics.
- 2) Prayer.
- 3) Prescription (Assignments).
- 4) Follow-up.

B) Diagnostics

- 1) Introduction.
 - Healing is available for all (God is no respecter of persons). Acts 10:34
 - Receiving healing depends on the spiritual status of the person.
 - God meets all people if they draw nigh unto Him. James 4:8
 - Healing requires a partnership with God.
 - Treat the cause, not merely the symptoms.
 - Getting healed is easy; the challenge is keeping it.
- 2) Evaluate the challenge.
 - What is it? Medical or natural understanding?
 - Time factor? Urgent, life/death, severe pain?
 - Current status? Is prayer needed immediately?
- 3) Evaluate the person's beliefs.
 - Born again, atheist, agnostic, hedonist, other religion, satanist....
 - Church attendance.
 - Studies the Bible.
 - Denominationally biased.
 - Spirit-filled, prays in tongues.
 - Worshipper.
- 4) Evaluate the causes.
 - Spirit, heart (tongue), soul, mind, body.
 - Sins – known, unknown, contextual.
 - Diet/nutrition/exercise/stress/trauma.
- 5) Evaluate the human context.
 - Genetics/heredity.
 - Generational curses.
 - Sexual/soul ties.
 - Drugs/alcohol.
 - Works of darkness.

C) Prayer (This part is covered in more detail later in the semester.)

- 1) Immediate: Usually for severe pain or acute life-threatening situations.
This usually involves anointing with water, blood (Communion), oil (Holy Spirit), laying on of hands, Gifts of the Spirit, Prayer of Agreement or Prayer of Authority.
- 2) Short-term: This is the main ministry and uses teaching with assignments.
- 3) Maintenance: Lifestyle assignments.

D) Prescription/Assignment

- 1) The purpose of giving assignments is two-fold:
 - It determines the miniseree's degree of commitment.
 - It teaches the process of receiving healing in his/her body.
- 2) Make the assignment specific to the recognized cause. Start with the innermost cause and work outward. Some examples are below:
 - If the person has a heart of bitterness, you could use Ps 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart" or Ps 24:4, "Purify my heart."
 - If the person has ungodly hopes, plans, ambitions, you could use Psalm 23:3, "Restore my soul."
 - If thoughts are the challenge, Rom 12:2; 2Cor 10:5; Phil 4:8.
 - For the body, examples are Isa 53:4-5; Matt 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24.
 - Assign every person a Scripture on controlling his/her tongue or mouth or words. Examples are: Pr 6:2; 16:23; Ps 17:3; 19:14; 39:1; 141:3.
 - For other possible assignments, refer to the handout, "Daily Scenarios for Spiritual Warfare." (Sem 2 Module 14)
- 3) After completion of the assignment, the miniseree should call for a new assignment, perhaps within hours to a few days.
 - The time for each assignment should gradually be extended.
 - Repeat this process of assignments until both the spiritual causes and the physical challenges have been removed or greatly reduced.
 - At this point the miniseree is considered healed.

E) Follow-up/Maintenance

- 1) Follow-up Call
 - The last assignment ends with the follow-up call about one month later.
 - The main purpose of the call is to ensure that the miniseree keeps doing the assignments for an extended period of time after having received healing.
 - At this point, move over to a maintenance program.
 - You may wish to record the praise report.
- 2) Ongoing Maintenance
 - Once the spiritual and physical challenges have been removed or greatly reduced, then the person is considered healed and moves into a maintenance program.
 - Maintenance is a lifestyle of health with specific ongoing daily recommendations/assignments. Refer to the handout, "Daily Steps for Walking in Divine Health." (Sem 1 Module 18)
 - Examples of maintenance assignments may be to go to church weekly or twice weekly; study the Bible daily; affirm 20 times per day 1 Peter 2:24; receive communion with spouse daily; confess sins daily, etc.