

Healing

The gift of healing is the ability to improve or restore health – in body, mind, heart, and/or soul – by Spirit-given means.

Scriptural References

Mark 2:1-12, Mark 5:25-34, Mark 7:24-30, Mark 8:22-26, John 9:1-7, Acts 3:1-10, Acts 14:8-10, Acts 28:8-9, 1 Corinthians 12:9 & 27-28, James 5:14-15

Biblical Models

Jesus, Peter, Paul

People with this gift can

- Bring healing in Spirit-given ways through prayer, touch, teaching, etc.
- Detect and connect with energies, forces, spirits that others cannot.
- Bring comfort and healing to others in ways that traditional means cannot.

Cautions

- Always make full use of traditional and other alternative medical services. Never use this gift to take the place of traditional medical services.
- Spirit-given healing is part of many cultures, religions and practices. Those with this gift can learn from them but also need to be cautious not to lose their Christian roots.
- May raise false hopes; create unrealistic expectations.
- Sickness and death are **not** an indication of inadequate faith, nor of God's punishment or failure to respond and protect.

Personal Traits

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| • Compassionate | • Open | • Intuitive |
| • Prayerful | • Respectful | • Sensitive |
| • Trusts in God | • Trustworthy | |

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Connect with others who share this gift for support, accountability, and training.
- Have an above average knowledge of the healing stories in the Bible.
- Keep a record of requests for healing and outcomes.

Possible Tasks

- Counselling, prayer team, healing ministry, ...

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Expect God's blessing