



MULTIPLYING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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NOTE: These notes are taken from a transcript of comments and quotes on the writings of E.W. Kenyon. Kenyon was an evangelist, pastor, founder of a Bible Institute, and author whose writings significantly impacted multiple Christian circles in the early to mid-20th century.

DON'T ASK GOD TO HEAL YOU UNTIL YOU READ THIS!

Have you ever bowed your head with a pain gripping your body or a diagnosis ringing in your ears and uttered a prayer for healing that felt like it hit the ceiling and fell straight back down to the floor? Have you ever read those verses in the Bible that speak of healing and health and felt a confusing disconnect between the promises on the pages and the reality in your flesh? If you have, you are not alone. For many believers, the subject of divine healing is a landscape of beautiful hope overshadowed by the deep valleys of disappointment and unanswered questions. We are told to ask, to believe, to have faith. And yet so often the healing we so desperately seek seems to linger just out of reach.

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This experience leads to a quiet, painful whisper in the heart, a question we are almost afraid to ask. Is God listening? Is it really His will to heal me? Or perhaps the most haunting question of all: what did I do wrong? What is lacking in my faith? The Church has often, with the very best of intentions, offered answers that only deepened the wound. We are told that God may be teaching us a lesson through our sickness. Or our faith is not strong enough to unlock His power. There may be a hidden sin we need to uncover and confess, or God's will is something other than our wholeness, and we must learn to bear our cross with quiet resignation. These explanations, though offered as comfort, can feel like a sentence. They place the burden squarely on our shoulders, transforming a loving Father into a distant,

mysterious sovereign whose ways are unpredictable and whose blessings must be earned through some unknown level of spiritual performance.

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I want to invite you into a revelation that will forever change the way you see your body, your Bible, and your relationship with God. What if I told you that the problem was never with God's desire to heal you? What if I told you that continually asking God to heal you might actually be a sign that you are missing the most crucial truth of all? In fact, I will say it plainly: do not ask God to heal you until you have heard what I am sharing with you now.

This is not a message about trying harder to believe. This is a message about understanding what is already yours. This is about moving from a place of begging to a place of receiving, from petition to possession. This is about discovering that your healing is not a future hope to be prayed for, but a present-tense reality to be laid hold of. And it all hinges on one simple, profound, and glorious word: **DONE!**

To understand the finished work of Christ concerning our bodies, we must first go back to the beginning, to the book of Genesis, and understand what was lost. When God created man, He did not create him weak, sickly, or susceptible to disease. He made him in His own image, a perfect triune being, spirit, soul, and body. *Genesis 1:31* records God's assessment of His creation. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was "very good." There was no sickness in Eden. There was no pain, no decay, and no weakness. The human body was a perfect vessel designed to function in perfect health and vitality, fueled by the very life of God Himself. The man was placed in an ideal environment and given dominion over all the earth. He was designed to live forever in unbroken fellowship with his Creator.

But then something catastrophic happened, something that would change the course of human history and introduce a terrible corruption into God's perfect creation. Adam, representing all of humanity, made a choice. He disobeyed God's direct command in a moment of high treason. He did more than just sin. He committed a legal transfer. He willingly surrendered his God-given dominion over the Earth to the enemy, Satan. The

authority that God had given to man was now in the hands of the deceiver, and with that authority, death entered the world. Death is not merely the cessation of breath; it is a principle, a corrupting force that began to work the moment it was introduced.

EVERY FORM OF PHYSICAL MALADY IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE ROOT PRINCIPLE OF DEATH AT WORK IN OUR BODIES.

Romans 5:12 confirms this: **“Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”** Sickness, disease, pain, and every form of physical malady are simply manifestations of this root principle of death at work in our mortal bodies. They are not from God. They are the direct result of the fall of man and the corruption that sin introduced into God’s perfect order. God did not create sickness. He permitted it as a consequence of man’s choice, but He already had a plan to redeem man from it entirely. He gave the children of Israel a covenant, the Law of Moses, and within that law, He included promises that showed His desire to be their healer.

Exodus 15:26 contains one of the most beautiful names of God. It says, **“I am the Lord that healeth thee.”** The Hebrew word for healing is *rafa*, which means to mend, to cure, to repair, to make whole. God was establishing His nature to His people. He was showing them that healing was part of His character. He would send a Messiah who would come to undo the works of the devil and restore what was lost. When Jesus Christ stepped onto the stage of human history, he did not come as a mere teacher or a moral example. He came as the God Man, the second Adam. The one who would legally reclaim what the first Adam had forfeited. His ministry was a dramatic demonstration of the Father’s will concerning sickness and disease. The Gospels are filled with accounts of Jesus healing the sick. He healed all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people, as *Matthew 4:23* tells us.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Look at his ministry with an open heart. Did Jesus ever refuse to heal anyone who came to Him? Did he ever tell a leper that his leprosy was the Father’s will for his life? Did he ever send

a blind man away to learn a deeper lesson through his blindness? Did he ever look at a person stricken with palsy and suggest that their illness was a result of a specific hidden sin in their life? Never, not once. His response was always compassion, and his action was always healing. He said in *John 14:9*, ***“He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.”***

WHEN YOU LOOK AT JESUS, YOU ARE SEEING THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF THE FATHER’S HEART.

When you look at Jesus, you are seeing the exact representation of the Father’s heart. Jesus himself said, ***“I can of mine own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”*** Every healing miracle was a direct manifestation of the Father’s will. Jesus was stripping away the power of the enemy and demonstrating the reality of the Kingdom of God breaking into the fallen world. He was showing us what God is like. He was revealing the heart of the Father toward his children.

Sickness is an intruder, an enemy. A part of the curse, and Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. *First John 3:8* makes this profoundly clear. ***“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”*** Sickness is a work of the devil. Jesus came to destroy it. The culmination of Jesus’ mission was not his healing ministry, as wonderful as it was. The culmination was the cross. On the cross, Jesus did not just deal with the symptom of sin; he dealt with the root cause of all suffering, pain, and sickness. He became the curse for us. *Galatians 3:13* declares Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. ***“For it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.”*** What is the curse of the law? *Deuteronomy 28* gives us a detailed list that includes every sickness, every disease, every form of poverty, and every ounce of spiritual death. Jesus took all of it upon himself on the cross. He did not just bear our sins, he bore our sicknesses. He carried our pains.

The prophet Isaiah saw this hundreds of years before it happened. *Isaiah Chapter 53* is the most profound chapter in the entire Bible concerning the atoning work of the Messiah. We often quote *verse 5*, ***“But he was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our***

iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed.” We love to claim that last phrase, “*and with his stripes we are healed,*” and we should. But to fully grasp the weight of what happened, we must look at the original Hebrew language. The word translated “healed” is *rafa*, the same word used in *Exodus 15:23*: “*For I am the Lord that healeth thee.*” Look at the verb tense. It is past tense. We are healed; it is a finished work. It is an accomplished fact.

YOUR HEALING IS SOMETHING JESUS ALREADY DID FOR YOU TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

Your healing is something Jesus already did for you two thousand years ago. The great evangelist *E.W. Kenyon* saw this truth with brilliant clarity, he wrote. Faith is not trying to make ourselves believe something that is not so. Faith is daring to accept what God says is so. God says that by his stripes you are healed. Faith dares to take that as true, regardless of what the senses or medical reports may say. It dares to stand on the integrity of God’s Word above all other evidence. This is where the great disconnect occurs for so many believers. We have been taught to see healing as a separate event, a miracle that God may or may not perform based on his sovereign will, or our level of faith. But this perspective completely misses the finished work of Christ. It places healing in the future, something we must strive to attain, rather than in the past, something we must simply receive. It makes healing a matter of God’s performance rather than our inheritance.

When Jesus cried out from the cross, “*It is finished.*” The Greek word used is *tetelestai*. This was a standard business term in the 1st century. It meant paid in full. When a debt was completely satisfied, the creditor would write *tetelestai* across the certificate of debt. Jesus was declaring that the debt of sin, the curse of the law, and every right that Satan had over humanity was now paid in full. The work of redemption was complete. This included your healing. There is nothing left for God to do. He has already provided it. The problem is not on the supply side; it is on the reception side.

Imagine a wealthy benefactor deposits \$1,000,000 into a bank account in your name. The money is there; it’s in your name. It is legally yours, but if you never go to the bank, never sign your name, never make a withdrawal, you will live in poverty despite the immense wealth

that is yours. Your poverty is not due to the benefactor's reluctance to give. It is due to your failure to appropriate what is already yours. This is a picture of our situation concerning healing. God has deposited it into your account through the atoning work of Christ. It is yours, but you must appropriate it. You must lay hold of it by faith. You must refuse to live in spiritual poverty. An unimaginable wealth belongs to you in Christ.

AN UNIMAGINABLE WEALTH BELONGS TO YOU IN CHRIST.

This is why continually asking God to heal you is like calling the benefactor and begging him for money he has already given you. It reveals that you do not understand the transaction that has already taken place. Your prayer should not be, "God, please heal me." Your prayer should be, "Father, I thank you that by the stripes of Jesus I am healed. I thank you that you have already provided for my health and wholeness. I received it now. I appropriate it now. I lay hold of my inheritance." In Christ, this shifts your posture from begging to receiving; from doubt to faith; from hope to reality.

This appropriation happens through the vehicle of faith. But what is faith? So often we've been taught that faith is a feeling, a mystical force we must conjure up, or a level of certainty we must achieve before God will move. This again places the burden on us and our ability to perform. But biblical faith is not about our ability at all. It is about our response to God's ability. Faith is simply taking God at His word. It is believing that what He says is true regardless of our feelings or circumstances.

Hebrews 11:1 gives us the definition: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is the title deed, the substantiating proof of the things we hope for. If you hold the title deed to a piece of property, you do not hope you own it. You know you own it. The deed is the evidence. The Word of God is your title deed to healing. It is your substantiating proof that your health has been purchased and paid for. Faith is not trying to believe God will do something. Faith is believing he has already done it. *E.W. Kenyon* beautifully distinguished between these two ideas. He wrote, "*There's a vast difference between believing God and believing in God. Believing God means that I take his Word.*" Many people believe in God. They believe he exists. They believe he is all-powerful. But they do not believe him. They do not take his specific promises as final authority for their lives. Faith believes

God. It says, “If God said it, that settles it. My feelings do not change it. My circumstances do not alter it. The word of God is the final authority in my life.”

YOU MUST FEED ON THE WORD OF GOD TO DEVELOP FAITH.

This kind of faith is developed and strengthened in only one way. *Romans 10:17* declares, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” You cannot have faith for something you have not heard. You cannot believe for healing if you have not heard the Word of God concerning healing. This is why so many believers struggle. They have heard sermons about God's sovereignty and man's suffering. They have heard testimonies about people who were not healed. They have heard well-meaning but erroneous teaching about the will of God. But they have not heard the pure, unadulterated Word of God.

On the subject of healing, they have not saturated their minds and hearts with the truth of *Isaiah 53, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:17*, and the countless other scriptures that proclaim healing as part of the redemptive work of Christ. If you want faith for healing to rise in your heart, you must feed your heart on God's promises. You must read them, meditate on them, speak them, and hear them. As you do, faith will come. It is an inevitable law of the Spirit. Just as eating healthy food produces health in your body, feeding on the Word of God produces faith in your spirit.

Faith must then be acted upon. *James 2:20* tells us that faith without works is dead. It is inert. It is useless. You can believe all day long that there is money in your bank account, but if you never write a check or use your debit card, that belief will not put food on your table. You must act on your belief in the same way you must act on your faith for healing. How do you do this? You act first and foremost with your words. Your tongue is the pen that writes the check on the bank of heaven. *Proverbs 18:21* is not a poetic suggestion. It is a spiritual law. “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*”

You are constantly eating the fruit of your words. If you are continually talking about your sickness, describing your symptoms, and rehearsing your pain, you are releasing death into your situation. You are strengthening the enemy's hold. You are agreeing with the problem. But when you begin to speak God's word over your body, when you boldly declare, by the

stripes of Jesus I am healed, you are releasing life. You are calling those things that are not as though they were (*Romans 4:17*). You are agreeing with the solution. This is not just positive thinking. This is not denial. This is using your God-given authority to enforce the victory of Christ in your life.

YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE POWER OF ATTORNEY TO USE THE NAME OF JESUS.

You are the legal representative of heaven on earth. You have been given the power of attorney to use the name of Jesus. That name is above every name. At the name of Jesus every knee must bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth (*Philippians 2:10*). This includes the knee of cancer. This includes the knee of heart disease. This includes the knee of arthritis and diabetes, and every other manifestation of the curse. You must learn to speak to your mountain. You must learn to command your body to line up with the Word of God, Jesus said in *Mark 11:23*, “*For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he sayeth shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he sayeth.*” Your sickness is a mountain. Stop talking to God about how big your mountain is. Start talking to your mountain about how big your God is. Command it to be removed in the name of Jesus. This is your authority. This is your inheritance. This is your right as a child of God.

To see sickness as anything other than an enemy to be destroyed is to misunderstand the very nature of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. The will of God is health. The will of God is wholeness. The will of God is life. Sickness, disease, and death are never God’s will. They are the intruding will of the enemy that Jesus came to destroy. Your faith is not presuming upon God; it is agreeing with God. It is taking your stand upon the finished work of Calvary and refusing to accept anything less than what Jesus paid for with his own blood. That is not a presumption. That is the highest form of worship and trust. Now, this does not mean that we will never feel symptoms or receive a negative report.

But in those moments, we have a choice. We can agree with the evidence of our senses, or we can agree with the truth of God’s Word. We can allow the problem to define our reality, or we can let the Word of God determine our reality. This is the fight of faith. *First Timothy 6:12*

urges us, ***“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”*** Notice it is not a fight to get God to do something; it is a fight of faith. It is a fight to hold fast to your confession of faith in the face of contradictory circumstances. It is a fight to keep your words aligned with God’s Word.

**SYMPTOMS HAVE TO BOW TO THE GREATER REALITY OF THE
FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST.**

When everything in the natural realm screams otherwise, the enemy will bring thoughts of doubt, fear, and failure. He will point to the symptoms and say, “See, God’s Word is not true for you.” You must resist him. You must stand firm. ***James 4:7*** gives the strategy. ***“Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*** You submit to God by agreeing with his Word. You resist the devil by refusing to agree with his lies. You speak the Word to him just as Jesus did in the wilderness. You say, “It is written by his stripes I am healed. It is written himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses. It is written I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.” As you hold fast to your confession without wavering, the symptoms will have to bow to the greater reality of the finished work of Christ. Healing is a process, and sometimes it is instantaneous, sometimes gradual, but the provision is always immediate and complete. Your job is not to heal yourself. Your job is to believe that you are healed because God says you are and to act accordingly, giving Him praise for your healing even before you see its full manifestation in your body.

This is where many believers stumble. They want to see the healing before they believe it. But that is not faith, that is sight. ***2 Corinthians 5:7*** tells us, ***“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*** Faith believes before it sees. Faith thanks God for the answer before it becomes visible. This is our pattern. We thank God that he has already heard us. We thank him that by the stripes of Jesus we are healed. We thank him that he is the Lord that healeth us. We command sickness to leave our bodies in the mighty name of Jesus. We lay hands on ourselves and pray the prayer of faith, not the prayer of begging.

**GO TO THE WORD AND SATURATE YOURSELF IN THE PROMISES OF GOD
CONCERNING HEALING.**

Perhaps you have prayed for healing for a long time without seeing the results you desire. Do not be discouraged. Do not give up. This is the time to examine your foundation. Are you standing on the solid rock of the finished work? Or are you standing on the shifting sand of your feelings and experiences? Go to the Word and saturate yourself in the promises of God concerning healing. Meditate on them day and night. Let them wash over you and renew your mind. Build your faith until it becomes an unshakable conviction. Surround yourself with the Word of God. Speak it constantly, sing it, pray it, let it fill your atmosphere. As you do, faith will rise, and that faith will become the substance of your healing.