Wholehearted Belief in Divine Healing

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Renewing your mind in God's promises is the starting point to increasing your faith for divine healing. However, faith in God does not work in your mind alone. You think with your mind but you believe with your heart. "...with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ)..." (Romans 10:10). This passage of Scripture refers to trusting Jesus Christ for eternal salvation but it also applies to divine healing as well.

What does the Bible refer to when it refers to your heart? The Bible does not refer to the organ in your body that pumps blood. When the Bible refers to your heart, it refers to what you really are deep down inside of yourself. The Bible defines this inner person as "...the hidden person of the heart." (I Peter 3:4).

The "hidden person of the heart" is the real you. This person is what you are when you face a severe crisis and you spontaneously react based upon your inner core beliefs. This same hidden person is vitally important if you are very sick. You must believe deep down in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Savior and that He also is your Healer.

You need *more* than knowledge in your *mind* about divine healing. You must have deep, strong and unwavering faith in God in your heart. If you constantly renew your mind in the Scripture, you will increase your factual knowledge pertaining to divine healing. However, you must learn how to get these facts about divine healing from the Word of God to drop from your mind down into your heart. Your heart is the key to your life. "...as he thinks in his heart, so is he..." (Proverbs 23:7).

You usually connect the word "thinking" with your mind. This passage of Scripture does *not* say "as he thinks in his mind, so is he."

The key to your life is what you really believe deep down in your heart. This heartfelt belief is the key to healing and every other area of your life.

You need to get Scripture pertaining to divine healing up off the printed pages of the Bible into your mind and then down into your heart. Your heart should be *so full* of Scripture that this overflow of Scripture will constantly override any thoughts in your mind that you will not be healed.

Your Bible will not do you any good when it is sitting on a desk or a shelf. Your Father has told you exactly where His Word should make its home. "...let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] and dwell in you in [all its] richness" (Colossians 3:16).

When studying divine healing, you absolutely must get every possible Scripture reference pertaining to receiving manifestation of healing from God and increased faith in God up off the printed pages of the Bible into its home in your mind and your heart. This Scripture should "dwell in you in all its richness."

If you are sick, I believe that your Father wants your heart to be filled with *truth* pertaining to divine healing. Jesus said, "...Your Word is Truth" (John 17:17). Your Father wants the truth of His Word to come alive deep down inside of you. "You desire truth in the inner being..." (Psalm 51:6).

This vitally important passage from Proverbs contains marvelous spiritual truths about divine healing living in your heart. "My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all, guard your heart, for out of it flow the springs of life" (Proverbs 4:20-23).

These anointed words that King Solomon spoke to his son also are anointed words from your Father in heaven to you. Your Father wants you to "attend to His Word" — to pay close attention to His Word at all times. He wants you to "consent and submit" to the instructions He has given you. He wants you to be determined to learn and obey each of His instructions carefully and exactly.

Please highlight or underline the words "let them not depart from your sight." Your Father wants His Word to *fill your eyes* continually throughout every day and night of your life. I believe that Scripture meditation is the best way to keep the Word of God in front of your eyes continually i.e. throughout the day and night.

As you meditate continually on God's Word, you will know God better. As you know God better, His Word will come alive more and more deep down inside of you. The Word of God is "life to those who find it, healing and health to all their flesh." This passage of Scripture clearly shows you the relationship between continually keeping the Word of God in front of your eyes, filling your heart with the Word of God, receiving manifestation of healing and enjoying good health.

You must understand the vital importance of this passage of Scripture. You are instructed to "keep and guard your heart with all vigilance." You have seen that your heart is the real you. Your heart is the center of your innermost being. You must vigilantly guard whatever you allow to enter into your heart. Nothing is more important because the "springs of life" flow out of your heart.

This scriptural principle applies to every area of life. If you are sick, you absolutely must guard what you allow to enter into your heart pertaining to sickness and healing. Your heart should be so filled with God's supernatural Word pertaining to divine healing, divine health and faith in God that negative thoughts pertaining to the sickness in your body will *not* be able to get a foothold in your mind and your heart.

Many people who are sick are worried about the sickness in their bodies and what this sickness could lead to in the future. Their hearts are heavy because of the fearful thoughts they have allowed to enter into their hearts. Your Father tells you exactly what to do when you face this predicament. "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but an encouraging word makes it glad" (Proverbs 12:25).

You have just seen in Proverbs 4:23 that you should guard your heart vigilantly. You must not allow fear, worry and anxiety to get into your heart. This "anxiety in your heart will weigh it down." Your heart will be heavy if you allow anxiety to obtain a foothold.

Instead of having a heavy and anxious heart, you should fill your heart continually with supernatural encouragement from the living Word of God. These "encouraging words" will create a "glad heart." Your heart will sing with joy in spite of the sickness because you will be focusing entirely on what God says about divine healing and about your faith in Him. Jesus said, "...Do not <u>let</u> your heart be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop <u>allowing</u> yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not <u>permit</u> yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]" (John 14:27).

Please highlight or underline the words "let," "allowing" and "permit." These words clearly show that you decide what will enter into your heart. You must not your heart be troubled." You must not your heart be afraid." You must not "allow yourself to be agitated and disturbed" by the sickness in your body. You must not allow yourself to be unsettled." If you allow these negative thoughts to come into your heart, the cumulative result of this thinking will make the sickness in your body worse.

Your heart should be so full of God's Word that the mighty power of the supernatural living Word of God in your heart is *much more* real and meaningful to you than the symptoms of sickness in your body. The sickness is there, but you do not have to accept it. Christians who are sick must fight a constant battle between faith in God in their hearts and the symptoms of sickness in their bodies. You fight this battle by continually filling your heart to overflowing with the Word of God.

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Christians who are sick will make the situation *much worse* if they allow worry, fear and anxiety to enter their hearts. Satan is able to obtain a foothold in your mind and your heart if you worry. "All the days of the desponding and afflicted are made evil [by anxious thoughts and forebodings], but he who has a glad heart has a continual feast [regardless of circumstances]" (Proverbs 15:15).

Some people are "despondent" because of the "affliction" of sickness in their bodies. All of their days are "made evil" by constant preoccupation with sickness. Satan's demons are able to get into their minds with "anxious thoughts and forebodings." You must not allow yourself to become despondent because of the sickness in your body. You will give Satan a foothold if you do this. Instead, the Word of God instructs you to "have a glad heart" regardless of the circumstances in your life relating to sickness.

You will have "a continuous feast regardless of the circumstances" if you constantly feed your heart with the vitally important spiritual food of the supernatural living Word of God. You will not allow the circumstance of sickness to control your life. Your "glad heart" will sing with joy because it is filled to overflowing with the mighty power of the supernatural living Word of God. Sickness will not be able to pull you down.

We now are ready to look at a passage of Scripture that we studied previously from a different perspective. "A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

You learned previously that the Word of God is your Father's "medicine" for you. You will have a "happy heart" if you continually fill your heart with the spiritual medicine of the Word of God. A "happy heart" and a "cheerful mind" will "work healing." Your happy heart creates a healing atmosphere. Many tests have shown that a continual positive attitude creates positive chemicals in the body and a continual negative attitude creates negative chemicals in the body.

You must *not* allow "a broken spirit to dry up your bones." You must not make the mistake of allowing the sickness in your body to override your happy heart and your cheerful mind. You must keep healing Scripture and Scripture about faith in God alive in your mind and your heart on a *daily basis*. You cannot afford to allow the supply of this Scripture to dwindle. The Scripture in your mind and your heart should increase continually.

If you continually obey your Father's instructions to meditate on His Word throughout the day and night, your heart will be filled to overflowing with the mighty healing power of the supernatural living Word of God.