

# Scriptural Healing Instructions

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This article is an effort to learn what the Bible says about the subject of healing. What is healing? Think about how you feel and what you are able to accomplish when you are suffering from a sickness or other malady. Think about how well your mind and body can function when you are healthy. The difference between the two is healing for you. It is the same for others.

The first part contains scriptures that give us instructions about the various aspects of healing. The second part contains scripture references to examples of healing in the Bible and notes about what we could learn from them. Deliberate effort has been made to avoid trying to end with a concluding formula that “should” produce a healing every time—because the Bible contains no such formula and from the examples in it, we can see God working in a diversity of ways. **If there is any one lesson we can learn from the Bible, it is to first consider God’s working in our lives, and then secondarily consider lifestyle changes, diagnoses, treatments, diets, herbs, medicines, etc.**

## Part 1 – Scriptures That Tell Us About the Nature of Healing

### God is our healer.

Ex 15:26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you."

Pslm 103:1-4 ...Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

**God heals broken spirits from catastrophes, as well as physical diseases.**

Pslm147:2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

**Healing occurs naturally in the body. The same word *rapha* (Strong's #7495) is used to describe natural healing as well as divine healing. The body’s ability to heal itself is certainly miraculous.**

Lev 13:18 " If the body develops a boil in the skin, and it is healed,  
Lev 13:37 But if the scale appears to be at a standstill, and there is black hair grown up in it, the scale has healed. He *is* clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

Lev 14:3 "And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine *him*; and indeed, *if* the leprosy is healed in the leper,

2Kngs 8:29 (KJV) And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah...

### **Healing and health come from obedience to parents.**

Ex 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you”.

Prov 4:20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; <sup>22</sup> For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

### **Sickness can come from sins of past generations.**

Ex 20:5-6 “... For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

2Sam 3:28 Afterward, when David heard it [Joab’s murder of Abner], he said, “My kingdom and I are guiltless before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. <sup>29</sup> Let it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father’s house; and let there never fail to be in the house of Joab one who has a discharge or is a leper, who leans on a staff or falls by the sword, or who lacks bread.”

**Listening to wise people can bring health. This includes doctors, other health professionals, and “alternative medicine” practitioners—provided that they have true health wisdom. Unfortunately, some people in these categories provide poor treatments designed primarily to make money for them. In no case should one consider going to “spiritual” health practitioners who utilize wisdom from spirits that are not from the Creator (Isa 8:19).**

Prov 12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

Prov 13:17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador *brings* health.

Prov 16:22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools *is* folly. <sup>23</sup> The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips. <sup>24</sup> Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

### **Healing is something that people can cause to happen.**

Ex 21:19 "if he rises again and walks about outside with his staff, then he who struck *him* shall be acquitted. He shall only pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall provide *for him* to be thoroughly healed."

Luke 10:34 "So he [the “Good Samaritan”] went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

### **Things can be "healed", such as mold in houses, or water sources.**

Lev 14:48 "But if the priest comes in and examines *it*, and indeed the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

2Kngs 2:21 Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.' "

Pslm 60:2 You have made the earth tremble; You have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.

### Healing sometimes occurs on a national level.

Isa 19:22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will strike and heal *it*; they will return to the LORD, and He will be entreated by them and heal them.

Isa 30:26 ...In the day that the LORD binds up the bruise of His people And heals the stroke of their wound.

### People sometimes fail to understand when they have been healed by God.

Hos 11:2 As they called them, So they went from them; They sacrificed to the Baals, And burned incense to carved images. <sup>3</sup> "I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them by their arms; But they did not know that I healed them.

### God intentionally lets evil come upon us to help us return to Him:

Hos 5:14 For I *will be* like a lion to Ephraim, And like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, *even* I, will tear *them* and go away; I will take *them* away, and no one shall rescue. <sup>15</sup> I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me." <sup>6:1</sup> Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

**Unrepentant people can appear to impart a measure of healing, but God will send something worse upon them. Some translations of Jeremiah 6:13 & 8:11 do not imply healing, but say something like, "They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious" (NIV). If that translations is correct, then only Revelation 13:3 belongs here.**

Jer 6:13 "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone *is* given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely.

<sup>14</sup> They have also **healed the hurt of My people slightly**, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When *there is* no peace. <sup>15</sup> ... They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

Jer 8:10 Therefore I will give their wives to others, *And* their fields to those who will inherit *them*; Because from the least even to the greatest Everyone is given to covetousness; From the prophet even to the priest Everyone deals falsely. <sup>11</sup> For they have **healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly**, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When *there is* no peace. <sup>12</sup> ... They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of its heads as having been slain to death, and its **deadly wound was healed**. And all the earth marveled after **the beast**.

**God sends some diseases from which one cannot be healed: If he is trying to get our attention by sending us a disease, no modern medicine will cure it. (On the other hand, if we have a disease uncurable by modern medicine, He can heal it!)**

Deut 28:27 "The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed."

Deut 28:35 "The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head."

Deut 32:39 "Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He, And *there is* no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor *is there any* who can deliver from My hand."

Jer 30:12 "For thus says the LORD: 'Your affliction *is* incurable, Your wound *is* severe. <sup>13</sup> *There is* no one to plead your cause, That you may be bound up; You have no healing medicines. <sup>14</sup> All your lovers have forgotten you; They do not seek you; For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, With the chastisement of

a cruel one, For the multitude of your iniquities,  
*Because* your sins have increased.

Lam 2:13 How shall I console you? To what shall I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your ruin *is* spread wide as the sea; Who can heal you?

Nah 3:18 Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; Your nobles rest *in the dust*. Your people are scattered on the mountains, And no one gathers them. <sup>19</sup> Your injury *has* no healing, Your wound is severe. All who hear news of you Will clap *their* hands over you, For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?

### **God sometimes chooses to heal or not heal according to His own time schedule or even the actions of third parties.**

Eccl 3:2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; <sup>3</sup> A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

Isa 57:16 For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls *which* I have made. <sup>17</sup> For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. <sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners. <sup>19</sup> "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to *him who is* far off and to *him who is* near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

Jer 30:17 For I will **restore health to you** And heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD, '**Because they called you an outcast saying:** "This *is* Zion; No one seeks her." ' <sup>18</sup> " Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own

mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

Jer 33:5 'They [Israel] come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *only* to fill their places with the dead bodies of [Israelite] men whom I will slay in My anger and My fury, all for whose wickedness I have hidden My face from this city. <sup>6</sup> '**Behold, I will bring it health and healing;** I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. <sup>7</sup> 'And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. <sup>8</sup> 'I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.

Jer 51:8 Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain; Perhaps she may be healed. <sup>9</sup> We would have healed Babylon, But she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country; For her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies.

Hos 7:1 "When I would have healed Israel, Then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, And the wickedness of Samaria. For they have committed fraud; A thief comes in; A band of robbers takes spoil outside. <sup>2</sup> They do not consider in their hearts *That* I remember all their wickedness; Now their own deeds have surrounded them; They are before My face.

### **Healing comes about because of repentance and departure from sin.**

2Chr 7:14 "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Pslm 41:4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Prov 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

Isa 6:10 "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return [repent] and be healed."

Jer 3:22 "Return, you backsliding children, *And* I will heal your backslidings." "Indeed we do come to You, For You are the LORD our God.

Jer 8:14 (NIV) "... For the LORD our God has doomed us to perish and given us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against him. <sup>15</sup> We hoped for peace but no good has come, for **a time of healing** but there was only terror.

Jer 8:22-9:6 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? **Why then is there no healing** for the wound of my people? <sup>9:1</sup> Oh, that my head were waters, And my eyes a fountain of tears, That I might weep day and night For the slain of the daughter of my people! <sup>2</sup> Oh, that I had in the wilderness A lodging place for travelers; That I might leave my people, And go from them! For they *are* all adulterers, An assembly of treacherous men. <sup>3</sup> "And *like* their bow they have bent their tongues *for* lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," says the LORD. <sup>4</sup> "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; For every brother will utterly supplant, And every neighbor will walk with slanderers. <sup>5</sup> Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity. <sup>6</sup> Your dwelling place *is*

in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.

Jer 14:19 Have You utterly rejected Judah? Has Your soul loathed Zion? Why have You stricken us so that *there is no healing* for us? We looked for peace, but *there was* no good; And for the time of healing, and there was trouble. <sup>20</sup> We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness *And* the iniquity of our fathers, For we have sinned against You.

Jer 15:18 **Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed?** Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, *As* waters *that* fail? <sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD: "**If you return**, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them.

Jer 17:13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters." <sup>14</sup> Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You *are* my praise.

Hos 14:1 O Israel, return to the LORD your God, For you have **stumbled because of your iniquity**; <sup>2</sup> Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive *us* graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. <sup>3</sup> Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, '*You are* our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy." <sup>4</sup> "**I will heal their backsliding**, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him."

**Healing comes about because we are fasting and/or humble and because we have regard for the lowly and poor.**

Pslm 41:1 ...Blessed *is* he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. <sup>2</sup> The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, *And* he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. <sup>3</sup> The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed. <sup>4</sup> I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Isa 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.... <sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners.

Isa 58:6 " *Is* this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> *Is it* not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

**Healing occurs because we will praise God when we are well.**

Pslm 107:19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses. <sup>20</sup> He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions. <sup>21</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works

to the children of men! <sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

**Healing may not occur during our physical life time. These verses mention healing in the same context as final redemption when Messiah and his servants are reigning.**

Pslm 103:2-4: Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

Mal 4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise **With healing in His wings**; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

**Lack of compassion of leaders is a reason for non-healing.**

Ezk 34:2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? <sup>3</sup> "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, *but* you do not feed the flock. <sup>4</sup> "**The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick**, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.

Zech 11:16 "For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land **who will not care** for those who are cut off, nor seek the

young, **nor heal those that are broken**, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces.

**Compassion and a willingness of a righteous person to suffer on behalf of another is often associated with healing. The Messiah was the primary example of this.**

Isa 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.** <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. <sup>8</sup> He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. <sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked -- But with the rich at His death, Because He had **done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.** <sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup> He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For **He shall bear their iniquities.** <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because **He poured out His soul unto death,** And He was numbered with the

transgressors, And **He bore the sin of many,** And made intercession for the transgressors.

**Messiah healed large numbers of people, apparently without regard to their spiritual state, so he could teach them.**

Matt 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. <sup>24</sup> Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. <sup>25</sup> Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. <sup>5:1</sup> And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

**Faith is a key factor in many healings, especially quick ones. The principle is not greatly expounded in a big section of Scripture, but it is found in numerous examples.**

Matt 8:10 When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, **I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**"... <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that **same hour.**

Matt 9:22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; **your faith** has made you well." And the woman was made well from **that hour.**

Matt 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**According to your faith let it be to you.**"

Matt 13:58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their **unbelief**.

Matt 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is your faith!* Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from **that very hour**.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, **I believe; help my unbelief!**"

Acts 14:9 *This* man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that **he had faith to be healed**,

### **Boldness often accompanies powerful healings.**

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your Word, <sup>30</sup> by stretching forth of Your hand for healing, and miracles, and wonders may be done by the name of Your holy child [servant] Jesus.

### **Not all brethren have the spiritual gift of healing.**

1Co 12:7 But to each one is given the showing forth of the Spirit to our profit. <sup>8</sup> For through the Spirit is given to one a word of wisdom; and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> and to another faith by the same Spirit; and **to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit**;

1Co 12:28 And God set some in the church, firstly, apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers, then works of power, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, kinds of languages. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of power? <sup>30</sup> **Do all have gifts of healings?** Do all speak languages? Do all interpret?

**The single most comprehensive healing instruction is found in James 5:13-16. Those in need of healing frequently only do some of it. Yes, one praying for oneself often yields results. But if we are still suffering, it is worthwhile to consider every step. Notice that prayer is mentioned four times: praying for oneself, elders praying, praying for one another as we confess our faults, and righteous people praying. There may be some overlap, but each should be considered. Cheerful people singing psalms is part of this—being around them can do wonders for a sick person. (If someone like that is not available, an audio recording of uplifting music is the next best thing.)**

Jam 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup> Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will cure the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. And if he has committed sins, it will be forgiven him. <sup>16</sup> Confess faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous one avails much.

### **Healing is through the suffering of Christ.**

1Pe 2:24 He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that dying to sins, we might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.

### **Healings are one sign of a true apostle.**

2Co 12:12 Truly the signs of the apostle were worked out among you in all patience, in miracles and in wonders, and by works of power.

**In the New Heavens and the New Earth, Pure water and leaves will be used for healing—certainly symbolically and probably literally.**

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of

the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of its street, and of the river, from here and from there, was the Tree of Life, which bore twelve fruits, each yielding its fruit according to one month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

## ***Part 2 – Scriptural Examples of Healing***

The following table contains nearly all of the examples of healings in the Bible. It includes the casting out of demons when it specifically relates to healing, but otherwise not. It also includes examples when healings did not occur. This writer would be glad to add others examples that you may discover (see contact information at end). The columns have been added so that we can study certain aspects of each healing:

**The Action of the Healing Agent:** All healing comes from God, but he frequently works through a human agent. When we seek to find or to be a healing agent of God, we may want to use the techniques used by others.

**The Action of the Healed:** When a person is healed, the Bible records many things that they did immediately before, during or immediately after the healing. When we seek healing, we might consider doing some of those same things, when appropriate.

**Time Required:** When we seek healing, we usually want it instantly—and many biblical healings are that way. However, some are not. We need to realize that this is God’s will also.

**Repentance:** A significant number of healings in the Bible involve an individual realizing that they have been sinning and their related repentance and healing.

**Purpose of the Healing:** Most of the healings of the Bible appear to have a definite purpose—more than just relieving the suffering of the individual involved. Sometimes that purpose is clearly stated, other times it is apparent by reading the context. We have included those purposes to the extent we believe we understand them. When we personally seek healing, we should try to fit into God’s purpose, and maybe even remind Him—as David often did—of how we want to fit into His plans.

There are two general types of healings:

1. **God desires to openly show His power to heal or to shower out blessings on a people.** In these cases, many are healed with little regard to their actions, repentance, etc. Christ did this frequently (Matt 4:13; 4:23-24; 8:16; 9:35; 12:15; Mark 3:10; Luke 4:40; 5:15-17; 6:19; Acts 10:38) The disciples also healed everyone at times (Matt 10:1; Luke 9:1-2; 10:1-9; Acts 2:43; 5:15-16; 8:7; 19:11-12). The last recorded mass healing is by the apostle Paul at Malta (Acts 28:8-10). After this time, there Bible mentions believers who were not healed (Phil 2:25-29; 1Cor 11:29-30; 2Cor 12:6-10; 1Tim 5:23; 2Tim 4:20). In the Old Testament Elijah has eight recorded miracles and Elisha 16, but Christ clearly states that there were Israelites who were **not** healed (Luke 4:27).
2. Healings specifically related to sins, repentance, forgiveness and other lessons in the lives of individuals. In most cases, these people are already believers. When we seek a healing, can we ask God to preserve us because we are continually praising Him and fulfilling his purpose? David did this in the Psalms; he was often very insistent with God. Or should we, like many of the other struggling people in the scriptures, confess our sin to God and seek His mercy for our healing? Both methods have their place.

Verses	Summary	Action of the Healing Agent	Action of the Healed	Time Required	Repentance	Purpose of the Healing
Gen 17:15-22; 18:9-15; 21:1-7	Sarah is old, never had a child, and is passed the age of childbearing, but God promises her a child. A year later, she receives one.	God directly promised that Abraham and Sarah would be the parents of many nations. Abraham and Sarah were visited by "three men", one apparently God, (Hebrew <i>YHVH</i> ) and two angels (Gen 18:2,13,16,33; 19:1).	Abraham and Sarah laugh at the idea, but Sarah receives a child anyway. They name him Isaac—meaning "laughter".	About 3 months. One year till Isaac's birth (Gen 18:10) minus 9 months gestation = 3 months till healing.	There is no mention of any sin that caused Sarah to be infertile. Both Abraham and Sarah doubted God, but there is no mention of repentance.	Hebrew 11:8-16 explains that this miracle was done for Abraham and Sarah because they had faith in God and did what He said. Faith comes only by a divine miracle; Abraham was the father of the faithful (Rom 4:12-25).
Gen 20:1-18	Abimelech Takes the beautiful Sarah, Abraham's wife, to himself because Abraham said she was his "sister". The women of Abimelech's household are unable to have children until they are healed.	Even though God communicates with Abimelech in a dream, He tells Abimelech that Abraham will pray for his household to bring healing. He acknowledged he should have said that Sarah was his wife.	Abimelech returned Sarah to Abraham.	Apparently immediately after Abraham's prayer.	Abimelech repented of taking another man's wife. (While he didn't know that she was Abraham's wife, he was not exactly diligent to inquire.)	God was upholding the sanctity of marriage and showing that Abraham was a prophet. Healing came through the compassion of the offended.
Gen 25: 20,21,26	Rebekah could was also infertile and received a miracle to be able to have children	Isaac pleaded with God for his wife to have children	Nothing mentioned at the time of healing—but she carried and delivered twins.	0-19 years: not clear when Isaac asked and when healing occurred.	There is no mention of any sin in relation to Rebekah's infertility.	A continuation of the Abraham's lesson: the promises are by faith and miracle from God.
Lev 14:1-32	Laws of what to do when one is healed of an infections disease	The Priest was charged with determining that a healing had taken place, and then the same priest had to offer the sacrifices brought by the person healed.	The healed person had numerous visible things to do: bring sacrifices, be sprinkled with blood, wash his clothes, shave his hair, remain outside the camp until pronounced clean, etc.	Time to healing variable, but person cannot come back to camp till the 8 <sup>th</sup> day.	While repentance is not mentioned specifically, the person was required to offer a "sin offering" (Heb. <i>chatta'ah</i> Strong's #2403) and a "trespass offering" ( <i>'asham</i> Strong's #817).	To show that sickness was a result of sin, that sin requires a sacrifice. The animals' blood represented Messiah's blood and Priests represented Messiah's ongoing, living work.

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Num 12:1-15	Miriam and Aaron wrongly spoke against Moses, the humblest of men, so God told them that Moses was closer to Him than any other prophet. Miriam was stricken with leprosy, and then healed.	Moses, the one Miriam offended, had compassion, took responsibility for her sin and prayed for her healing.	At God's command, she was "shamed"--shut out of the camp seven days	Uncertain if healing was immediate or during or at the end of 7 days	Aaron declares the repentance of Miriam and himself (v 11).	Moses pleads for the healing of the woman who wronged him--just as Messiah heals the church who wrongs Him.
1Sam 30:11-17	An Egyptian servant was so sick that his Amalekite master abandoned him. David's men found him and he told them how to recover all their stolen wives and possessions.	David's men fed him water, figs and raisins and promised they would not kill him or return him to his master.	He kept his promise to show David where his enemies were.	He was so sick that he was unable to eat or drink for three days. He had to wait.	There is no mention of any sin on the part of this man and his sickness turned into a blessing.	Finding this abandoned man was the key to David and his men regaining their wives and possessions. The servant gained his freedom.
2Sam 12:13-18	David prayed for the life of the son of Bathsheba and himself, but the child died.	Nathan the prophet told David that the Child would die.	David fasted and prayed anyway.	The child died after 7 days.	David repented of his sin and his own life was spared, but not the child's life.	David learned the severity of his sin which caused this death and three others in his family.
1Ki 14:1-17	Abijah, son of Jeroboam, became sick and his mother went to the prophet Ahijah to find out what would happen. She pretended to be someone else. Ahijah was blind, but God revealed it to him anyway.	God himself brought on the sickness and caused the child to die as soon as his mother came back from visiting the prophet.	The child died and received a decent burial—unlike his parents—because he honored God.	Died as prophesied—when his mother returned home.	It was Jeroboam and his wife that needed to repent, not the boy. She was told the boy would die when she went into the city; she went in anyway.	God sometimes takes righteous people out of evil environments for their own good.
1Ki 17:17-24	The son of the woman for whom God miraculously provided became sick almost to death, but Elijah healed him.	Elijah carried the son to his own bed, cried out to God, stretched himself out on the body three times and ask for him to live again.	The child could do nothing, being dead, but his mother came to Elijah for help—though she was quite angry about the situation.	The boy did not come back to life until the third request to God.	Not clear, but the mother said “ <b>now</b> I know that you are a man of God”. If she had not doubted God's work, maybe this trial might no have been necessary.	To show the power with which God was working in the ministry of Elijah—to sow the people how much power he really has.

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2Ki 1:2-17	Ahaziah fell and became sick, enquired of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, not the true God. <b>He was not healed—he died.</b>	Elijah came to Ahaziah and told him he had sinned by going to Baal-zebub and not God.	He sent the army after Elijah—and lost 102 men to fire from heaven.	Ahaziah never got off his bed, but died after some time.	Even though this was caused by his sin, there is no mention of an attempt to repent.	People who sin without repentance often die of their sins.
2Ki 4:16-37	A wife of the sons of the prophets, who miraculously received a son when she was “too old”, had her son unexpectedly get a bad headache, and he died. <b>Elisha’s servant Gehazi was sent and the boy did not recover.</b> Elisha came and he rose from the dead.	God did not initially reveal what happened to the boy. When the mother told him, Elisha initially sent Gehazi with his staff. That did not work so Elisha came and stretched himself out on the boy twice, putting his mouth on his mouth, eyes on his eyes, and hands on his hands.	The boy’s mother came to Elisha, though she was apparently angry with him. The boy did nothing while he was dead, but sneezed seven times as he came back to life.	Many hours were required: Gehazi’s initial efforts plus Elisha’s. Even after his initial stretching out over the boy, Elisha walked around and did it again.	The mother was trying to justify what she originally said to the prophet. No repentance is directly mentioned, though the mother certainly learned a lesson in faith in God.	<b>This shows that we must diligently pursue healing. We should not be fearful if our efforts to receive healing do not work. We should try again with another person or another method. The scripture does not say that Elisha was commanded to use the methods he used!</b>
2Ki 8:7-15	Ben-hadad, King of Syria, sent Hazael to Elisha to see if he would recover of his sickness. Elisha told Hazael Ben-hadad <b>would recover</b> , but then <b>die</b> . Hazael relayed the recovery message to him, and the next day fulfilled the prophecy himself by killing Ben-hadad.	Elijah gave the prophecy just as God showed him. Hazael was both a faithful carrier of God’s message a murderer. The prophecy said he would become king of Syria, but did not tell him to make himself king by killing Ben-hadad.	Ben-hadad sought the help of God in Israel when he was sick, but made no effort to obey and follow God.	It took some time for him to recover, but he was killed almost immediately afterward.	There is no mention of any confession of sin or attempt to repent. God had already chosen Hazael to be King in Syria in order to punish Israel (1Ki 19:15-17).	King Ben-hadad recovered, but was killed as he was not a generally righteous man and God had other plans for Syria.
1Ki 13:14, 20-21	Elisha was sick and died. <b>He was not healed.</b> But later, a dead man was thrown into his grave and came back to life.	Elisha was an agent of a resurrection—a healing—simply by having his bones present when he was dead.	Elisha was not healed, but his ministry continued. The resurrected man did nothing to cause it.	Elisha was sick for some time—the man was dead for some time.	There is no indication of sin on the part of the Elisha or the resurrected man.	This shows that God ultimately does the miracles, and that he can use anyone as an agent—even a dead one.

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2Ki 20:1-12	Hezekiah was sick, Isaiah was sent to tell him he would die, but Hezekiah wept before God; Who changed and told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that he would receive 15 more years of life and assign.	Isaiah was used to convey both the message of death and of healing—which required the preparation of a poultice of figs. How much of the healing was done by God & how much by the figs?	He prayed and specifically asked for more years of life as well as a very unusual sign—the shadow going back ten degrees. Other nations' leaders knew Hezekiah was sick.	3 days. There would be no need for the sign if healing was immediate.	There does not seem to be any sin on the Part of Hezekiah here—rather that God was removing him from an evil situation to come in the future.	This shows that God takes the thoughts of men into account in his plans. Since the other nations knew Hezekiah was sick, they saw God's power.
2Chr 30:18-27	The people of Israel came to eat the Passover without purifying themselves, Hezekiah prayed for them and they were healed.	Hezekiah prayed and had compassion on the people because their heart was good even though their Scriptural obedience was lacking.	Nothing stated before the healing, but afterward the people were seeking God, praising him, feasting to him and confessing their sin.	Apparently immediate	The people confessed their sin as well as rejoiced at the Feast.	This shows that God is far more interested in people wholeheartedly seeking Him than in precise details, though details are also important.
Pslm 6:1-6	David pleads for healing—to be healed soon and to be corrected in mercy, not in displeasure or anger	(David seeks healing directly from God.)	"I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears (v 6).	Not stated, but David thinks it is too long!	None is specifically stated, but David states that God is correcting him.	David tells God that he will not be able to praise Him if his illness kills him.
Pslm 30:1-12	David rejoices over the healing he received when he cried out to his Father.	(David receives healing directly from God.)	"O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me."	Not stated	Not stated	David makes numerous promises to continue praising God after his healing.
Pslm 41:1-4	David says that God will heal him because he has regard for the lowly and poor people	(David seeks healing directly from God.)	David had regard for the poor (v1).	Some time spent "sustained on a sickbed" (v 3)	David confesses sin against God (v 4).	David is demonstrating that God heals those who consider other's difficulty.
Pslm 107:17-22	People who rebelled and sinned became so sick that they did not want to eat, but they cried to God and were healed.	"He sent forth His word and healed them..." (v 20).	The healed were admonished to give thanks to God, to give offerings and sing songs telling his great works.	They were sick and did not eat for so long that they nearly died (v18).	Sickness was brought on by rebellion and sin (v 17). The entire chapter has a repentance theme.	A major bible theme: major sin leads to major suffering. If we wholeheartedly cry to God, he grants major healing which should lead to major praise of God.

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Job (the book)	Job had great sickness come over him as a result of Satan's request to be able to tempt him.	God allowed Job to suffer many days, then personally explained why to Job.	Job prayed fervently and made some physical effort to care for his sores, but only divine healing solved it.	Job was terribly ill for many days—probably many weeks.	The Bible does not say Job sinned. He learned how small he was and how great is God.	By reading, we can learn Job's lessons and <b>learn not to treat a person as unrighteous just because they are sick.</b>
Ezk 47:1-12	In the world to come, the waters flowing out from the temple are used to heal the polluted environment and the people	God provided by other water and the leaves of trees for the healing of the people.	The people need to accept and use those things that God provided	Not stated, but it seems more of a process than instant.	Ezekiel 40-49 picture the land of Israel returning to God and His rule.	The water and leaves are certainly symbols of healing God's healing power, but they may be physical means to healing now.
Dan 4:1-37	Nebuchadnezzar was warned by a dream not to exalt himself, but a year later he did anyway and his sanity left him for "seven times", during which he acted like an animal.	Daniel delivered the meaning of the King's dream to him, but then God brought about the insanity and the recovery.	Nebuchadnezzar openly blessed God for the dream, but did not live by it. He blessed God even more after he recovered.	Seven times—probably seven years—to receive the healing.	Nebuchadnezzar definitely repented of his pride.	God works directly with leaders—even when they are not his "followers". <b>We must learn not to fear our leaders today, but pray!</b>
Matt 4:23-24	General healing of numerous people who were sick, paralyzed demon-possessed, crazy	Christ's healing was accompanied by His teaching in synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.	They had to simply come and receive the blessing.	All apparently immediate	Not stated	To spread the fame of Christ throughout the area—to give authority to his message.
Matt 6:23-24 Luke 11:34	"The eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is diseased, your body is full of darkness" (NET).	This is about a diagnosis tool, many say the basis of iridology or the classical practice of analyzing one by "looking them in the eye".	Many translations say "good" and "bad" instead of "healthy" and "diseased". Both are probably true.	This is more like an ongoing condition, not immediate.	Previous verses are about trusting in heaven, not riches. Coveting causes sickness.	God has shown us that we can know the condition of our own and other's health by looking into the eyes.
Matt 8:1-4	Christ cleansed a leper	Christ <b>"put out his hand and touched" the leper</b> —risking disease himself—and said, "Be clean".	He said "Lord, if You will, You can make me clean". He was asked to tell no one and to offer gift required by Moses.	Immediate	Not stated	For the man's benefit and to show that Christ was upholding the Levitical ministry of the Old Testament.

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Matt 8:5-13	Christ heals the Centurion's son/servant.	Christ offered to come, but when He found great faith, simply spoke the word and it was done	Centurion had faith in Christ: told Him that it was not necessary to come, but that he knew He had the authority to speak and do the job.	"That very hour"—"the same time" is a reasonable translation.	Not stated—but there was amazing faith	Christ found greater faith in the Gentile Centurion than in Israel. Faith is possible without an understanding of the law.
Matt 8:14-15	Christ healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever.	Christ reached out and <b>touched her hand</b>	She got up and served him.	Immediate	Not stated	She wanted to be of service to Christ's ministry—as soon as she was healed, she did.
Matt 8:16-17	Christ healed those who were sick and possessed by demons.	They came to him.	He cast out demons with a word.	Apparently immediate	Not stated	Fulfilling Isa 53:4: "He took on himself our weaknesses and bore our sicknesses".
Mat 8:28-34	Christ cast demons out of two exceedingly fierce men into swine, which then drowned in the water. Swine owners asked Christ to leave.	Christ said to them "Go".	They were completely controlled by the demons, incapable of action	Immediate	Not stated	Showed Christ's power over powerful demons. Also showed that people profiting from unlawful activities (pig raising) do not want Christ and His servants.
Matt 9:2-8	Christ healed the paralytic—a man confined to bed—and forgave his sins.	Christ forgave his sins and told him to take up his bed and go home.	The man went home as instructed, the people rejoiced at the power to heal and forgive sins.	Immediate	The man's sins were clearly forgiven—though the man was spared having them recorded for all time.	"So that you [the scribes] may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins".
Matt 9:18-19, 23-26 Luke 8:41-42, 49-56	Christ raises the only daughter of Jarius, the synagogue-ruler. Everyone thought she was dead.	Christ <b>put out those who were lacking faith</b> and who laughed at Him and took the girl by the hand and commanded that she be given something to eat.	The girl was unconscious and had no chance to exhibit faith, but those who asked on her behalf had faith.	Christ came and put out the unfaithful, then healing was immediate	Not stated	Christ showed the need for an atmosphere of faith, and that He has power over death. He also showed that healing does not end our normal care for our bodies.

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Matt 9:20-22 Luke 8:43-48	Woman with a blood flow for 12 years thought she would be healed if she touched his garment—and she was.	Christ was simply walking and wearing his robe when <b>he felt his power go out from him. The Greek for “power” is <i>dunamis</i> (Strong’s #1411) — miracle working power.</b>	The woman believed that she would be healed if she touched his robe—even though there is no clear scripture commanding it.	Immediate	Not stated	Christ told her that her faith saved her, yet it was also clear that some kind of power went out from Him to heal her. Does faith unlock the power?
Matt 9:27-31	Two blind men sought out Christ asking Him to restore their sight.	He <b>touched their eyes</b> and told them, “according to your faith let it be to you”.	The said sought out Christ, asked for healing and had faith to receive it that they had faith to receive it.	Immediate	Not stated	To show that faith is sometimes required for healing.
Matt 9:35-36	Christ preached the Kingdom of God, taught and healed every sickness and disease.	He was <b>moved with compassion</b> for the people	They came to Him.	Not stated	Not stated	Showing Christ’s concern for the people who were like sheep without a shepherd.
Matt 10:1-42 Mark 6:13 Luke 9:6	Christ sends out the 12 disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons. <b>He gives them power—Greek <i>dunamis</i> (Strong’s #1411).</b>	They <b>anointed the sick with oil</b> . They had to go without taking any provisions for the trip, and to be persecuted and drug before counsels, etc.	The people had to receive the disciples and their message to be healed.	Apparently immediate	Not stated	The healings showed that the disciples had authority from Christ to proclaim their message.
Matt 12:9-14	Christ heals the man with the withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath day.	Christ commanded the man to stretch the withered hand forward, even though the Pharisees planned to destroy him for doing it.	The man stretched out his hand as commanded.	Immediate	Not stated	This demonstrated Christ’s power and his willingness to physically endanger himself to heal and to show the error of the Pharisee’s teaching.
Matt 12:15 & 19:2	Great crowds followed Christ and he healed them all.	Not stated	They were willing to follow a man their leaders were trying to destroy	Apparently immediate	Not stated	Not stated—possibly the same purpose as many of His other healings

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Matt 12:22-37	Christ cast out a demon that had caused a man to be blind and dumb and the Pharisees accuse him of casting out demons by Beelzebub, prince of demons.	The only thing stated was the willingness of Christ to suffer ridicule and false condemnation at the hands of the Pharisees.	None stated	Immediate	Not stated	Christ taught the lesson that those who falsely accused Him—who blasphemed the Holy Spirit—will not be forgiven.
Matt 13:54-58	<b>Christ could do no mighty works—Greek <i>dunamis</i> (Strong’s #1411)</b> —because of the unbelief in His home town.	None	They people who knew Christ as a child had doubt and unbelief.	No time—no healings.	The people were not repentant.	This demonstrated that without faith, even Christ could do no might work.
Matt 14:13-14 & 15:30-32	Great crowds followed Christ out of town on foot. Moved with compassion, he healed them.	He had <b>compassion</b> on the people, so he healed them.	Willing to follow Christ a long way without any food.	Apparently immediate	Not stated	To show that Christ had <b>compassion</b> for people even while they were sinners.
Matt 14:35-36	People of Gennesaret touched him and touched Christ’s robe and were made perfectly whole.	Christ was present and wore his robe.	The people brought all who were sick and were healed when they only touched his robe.	Immediate	Note stated	Not stated—possibly the same purpose as many of His other healings.
Matt 15:22-28	A Canaanite woman asked Christ to heal her daughter. He said He was sent only to Israel, but she said that even the dogs get the crumbs from the master’s table.	He first ignored the woman, then said that he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but upon seeing her faith, healed her daughter.	The daughter had no action, but her mother had faith to persist in her request and humbled herself to the level of a “dog” to receive a healing.	A few minutes were required to convince Christ, then healing was immediate.	Not stated	When great faith is exhibited, Christ will actually alter His intended mission and heal others to whom he was not sent.
Matt 20:29-34	Christ healed two blind men who cried out to Him.	Christ first asked them what they wanted Him to do for them. He <b>had compassion</b> on them and <b>touched their eyes</b> .	They continued to ask for healing even though the crowd told them to be quiet.	Immediate after their persistent asking.	Not stated	Showing the need for persistence to God for some healings.
Matt 21:12-16	Christ cast the money-changers out of the Temple and healed the blind and lame there.	Christ was willing to take action that threatened his life.	The blind and lame were willing to come to a man whom “the authorities” despised.	Apparently immediate	Not stated	Christ cast out money-changers who know they should not be in the temple and showed his divine power by healing.

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Mark 3:10-12 Luke 6:17-19	Christ healed so many people who wanted to touch Him that he had to go out to sea in a boat. Demons tried to reveal aspects of His mission he was not ready to teach.	Christ had a desire to heal all the people and had to fight evil demons to do it. <b>Power—Greek <i>dunamis</i> (Strong's 1411)—went out from him.</b>	They pushed through the crowds to physically touch Christ to be healed.	Apparently immediate	Not stated	Not stated—possibly the same purpose as many of His other healings.
Mark 6:55-56	People were carried to Christ in their beds and as many who touched him were made whole	Christ was simply available to be touched.	They had to actually get to Christ.	Apparently Immediate	Not stated	To establish the power of Christ—those who did not touch Him were not healed.
Mark 7:32-37	Christ heals a deaf and dumb man. He asks him not to tell anyone.	Christ <b>took him aside from the multitude, put his fingers in his ears, spit and touched his tongue, and said “be opened”.</b>	Simply came to Christ.	Immediate	Not stated	This was done to benefit the man. Was this rather lengthy procedure recorded for our benefit? If so how do we use it?
Mark 8:22-26	Christ heals a blind man in two phases—a very unusual occurrence for him. He asks him not to tell anyone.	<b>Christ first led the man out of town, spit on his eyes, put His hands on him, and asked him what he saw. The man saw “men as trees walking”. Then Christ put his hands on his eyes and made him look up.</b>	The healed man sought out Christ and asked him to touch him	Immediate upon completion of the procedure	Not stated	This was done to benefit the man. Again, was this lengthy procedure for our benefit, or did Christ take him out of town and tell him to be quiet about in order to prevent people from trying to do this procedure?
Luke 4:27	Many lepers in Israel <b>were not healed by Elisha</b> —only Naaman the Syrian (2Ki 5).	Elisha gave Naaman a message as God instructed—he would have healed anyone whom God told him to heal.	Naaman had the humility to listen to an Israelite servant. No record of any Israelite asking for healing.	Immediately after he washed in the Jordan River seven times.	Naaman had humility but no repentance mentioned. Israelite lepers apparently had neither.	God healed a humble army commander of Israel's enemy. It should have provoked Israel to humility and repentance
Luke 8:1-3	Christ healed Mary Magdalene of seven evil spirits as well as infirmities.	Not stated	She, along with others, ministered to Christ from their possessions	Apparently immediate	Not stated	Shows that of all the people who received healings, apparently only a group of women sought to provide finances for Christ's ministry.

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Luke 10:1-17	Christ gave authority to 70 men, sent out two by two, to heal and to cast out demons.	They had to have the faith to go without any money and depend upon others for their food, clothing and shelter.	They had to accept these men preaching the Kingdom of God.	Immediate	Not stated	This is the greatest demonstration of Christ working through other people until after His death.
Luke 10:30-35	The “Good Samaritan” put oil and wine on the wounds of a beaten man and took him to an inn to receive care.	He had compassion on a person who suffered and expended his own resources to help him.	He accepted the help of a Samaritan, a man he might have looked down upon if he was well.	Does not say he was healed, normal physical recovery time assumed.	This injury was directly due to the sins of others. No indication that beating came due to his sin.	Christ taught we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our neighbors are people in need that we can help.
Luke 11:21	When John the Baptist’s disciples asked if Jesus were the Messiah, he was curing many diseases and plagues and casting out demons.	None stated	None stated	Done “in that very hour”—very quickly.	Not stated	To show to John and anyone else that Jesus was the messiah.
Luke 13:11-17	On the Sabbath day, Christ healed a woman from a spirit of infirmity that caused her to be bent over for 18 years.	Christ told her that she was delivered of her infirmity, then laid hands upon her.	The woman apparently did almost nothing—Christ saw her and decided to heal her	Immediate after laying on of hands	Not stated	Christ showing that deliverance on the Sabbath day is more important than the Pharisee’s rules for it.
Luke 14:1-6	On the Sabbath day, Christ healed a man with dropsy	Christ again braved the possible retaliation of the leaders to heal on the Sabbath.	Not stated	Immediate	Not stated	The famous pulling out an “ox in the pit” analogy was spoken here.
Luke 16:20-21	The beggar, Lazarus, was full of sores and the dogs came to lick them.	Dogs—possibly sent by God—may have helped to heal. Modern medicine identifies both benefits and hazards in dog saliva.	He was a poor man with few resources to do anything else to get well.	Not stated	Not stated, though the man clearly fared better in the Judgment than the rich man.	If the dog licking indeed increases healing, it shows that God has set in motion healing processes for the poorest of people.
Luke 17:12-19	Christ heals 10 lepers and only one returns to thank him.	Christ told them to show themselves to the priests	They cried out to Christ asking for Him to pity them. Only one, a Samaritan, returned to thank Him	They were cleansed as they walked to Christ	Not stated	Shows that often non-Israelites were more thankful for their healings than those who already knew God to some degree.

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Luke 22:49-51	When Christ is being betrayed, Peter cut off the ear of the high priest with a sword and Christ healed it.	Christ <b>touched the ear</b> .	Apparently nothing.	Immediate	Not stated	Christ had compassion, even on people who were involved in taking His life.
John 4:46-54	Christ, in his second miracle, healed the son of a nobleman who was about to die	Christ told him “your son lives”.	He made an all-day trip to see Christ, asked Him to come twice, then accepted His word of promised healing.	Immediate	Not stated	Christ showing his power to heal at a distance—even someone who was near death.
John 5:1-16	Christ healed a man by the pool of Bethesda who had an infirmity for 38 years. He told him to take up his bed and walk on the Sabbath day.	Christ told him to rise up and walk.	The man was willing to do what Christ said, even though it was against the Jewish leader’s rules.	Immediate	Not clearly stated, but Christ told him to sin no more lest a worse thing come upon him.	Christ healed on the Sabbath day in spite of the Jewish leader’s laws.
John 9:1-41	Christ healed a man born blind and when the man insisted it was Christ who did it, they cast him out of the Synagogue.	<b>Christ spat on the ground, made clay from it and put it on the eyes of the blind man.</b>	The man was willing to honor Christ for what he did and would not be swayed by the Pharisees even though he was cast out of the Synagogue.	Immediate after the mud was applied.	Not necessary. This story clearly states that there was no sin involved by the man or his family, but this was done to glorify God.	This event was a testimony against the Pharisees who saw the miracle, but who refused to accept the divine authority of Christ.
John 11:1-54	Lazarus was sick and in the grave for four days. Christ raised him from the dead.	He cried with a loud voice: “Lazarus, come forth!” Christ risked His own life to do this, as the leaders began to plan to kill him.	A dead person cannot normally take any action.	Immediate	Not stated.	This shows the complete miraculous power of Christ—and the effect such power has on power-hungry evil men.
Acts 3:1-11	A well-known man who was lame from birth was healed by Peter in the temple entry way.	Peter told him he had no silver and gold, but “in the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk”. Peter took him by the hand and lifted him up.	He was utterly not expecting the healing, but simply wanted money. He leaped for joy and praised God afterward.	Immediate	Not stated	This healing was much like Christ’s healings—it showed the power of God at work, but brought on the wrath of the Jewish leadership.

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Acts 5:15-16	Sick people were carried out to the streets so that they could be healed when the shadow of Peter passed over them.	Peter apparently had to only be close enough that his <b>shadow passed over sick people</b> and they were healed.	Required the faith to go and seek out Peter—who was being prosecuted by the authorities.	Immediate	Not stated	Christ never did this—but he said his followers would do greater works than He (John 14:12).
Acts 8:5-8	Philip preached Christ in Samaria and healed many.	Philip preached Christ—nothing specific about the healings.	They listened to Phillip’s message and received it and the healings with joy.	Apparently immediate	Not stated	Miracles established the credibility of Philips message.
Acts 8:9-11	Simon the sorcerer fooled people with <b>false miracles</b> , but they thought he had the power— <b>Greek <i>dunamis</i> (Strong’s #1411)</b> of God.	Simon the sorcerer (also known as “Simon Magus”) had no connection with God, but tried to buy the ability to impart the Holy Spirit.	Many people were fooled by him.	Apparently immediate.	False teachers usually do not ask those the “heal” to repent.	Some false “healers” may appear very convincing, but if we check them we will find they are interested in power & money, not righteousness.
Acts 9:17-18	Ananias was used to heal Paul after Christ had struck him blind.	Ananias put his hands on Paul and scales fell from his eyes.	Paul obeyed God’s prior command to come. He was baptized.	Immediate	Paul repented of persecuting Christ.	Even though Paul had a great ministry, his healing came through another brother. We must all work together.
Acts 9:33-35	Aeneas healed of paralysis after eight years lying down	Peter proclaimed “Jesus the Christ” heals you.	None stated	Immediate	Not stated	“All who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord”
Acts 14:7-12	Paul preaches the gospel in Lystra and heals a man who was lame from birth.	Paul called out with a loud voice: “stand up on your feet!”	The man “had faith to be healed”. Afterward, he “leapt and walked”.	Immediate	Not stated	To show the power of God, but the Pagan people attributed it to their gods.
Acts 19:11	Handkerchiefs and aprons that Paul touched were given to the sick and they received healing and deliverance from demons.	He touched these items of clothing—whether or not intentionally for the purpose of healing is unclear in the Scripture.	There had to be some faith or belief that touching Paul’s laundry would produce healing.	Not specifically stated, but apparently fairly quickly.	Not stated	To show the power of God at work in Paul. Other teachers were critical of him, but did not have these signs.

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Acts 20:9-12	Eutychus fell asleep during a long service and fell down from the third floor and died. Paul raised him up.	Paul embraced him and said that “his soul is in him”.	None—he was dead.	Not clear—either instant or it took until morning.	Not stated—but this was an accident. Dead people do not repent.	To comfort the people so that they know that God is with them and cares for their young people.
Acts 28:7-10	At Melita, Paul healed the father of Publius and many others who are sick.	Paul prayed and laid hands on him.	They were very appreciative and treated Paul and the other shipwreck victims well.	Immediate	Not stated	To strengthen Paul’s message and to give favor to Paul and those with him—who needed help.
Phil 2:25-29	Epaphroditus <b>was sick</b> and near death for a while, but then recovered.	God was merciful to him. There is nothing about any human agent involved.	He continued to do God’s work when he recovered.	Apparently many days, but not specific.	Not stated	We do not always immediately know why healing takes time.
1Cor 11:29-30	Some believers were <b>sick or dead</b> from not examining themselves before taking the “body and blood” of Christ.	While it is not explicitly stated here, the one afflicted probably needs to learn to examine themselves to be healed.	Sin clearly caused the sickness	Not stated	Necessary	The person obviously needs to examine themselves.
2Cor 12:6-10	Paul was <b>not healed</b> from a “thorn in the flesh”—a “messenger of Satan to buffet me”. Some say this is a disease, others say it was an evil person.	God told Paul “my grace is sufficient for you”.	Paul went to God three times to be delivered, but was not.	Not healed until the resurrection	Ongoing. This problem remained with Paul in order to help be humble in the face of all the revelations he had.	There was <b>no healing</b> for the reason stated at left.
1Tim 5:23	Paul told Timothy to drink wine for his stomach and <b>often infirmities</b> .	Timothy was apparently <b>not divinely healed</b> of his “infirmities”.	Drinking wine to physically help the situation	Apparently not healed until the resurrection	Not stated	The public miracles once used to draw attention to the Gospel were not as frequent at this time.
2Tim 4:20	Trophemus (Acts 20:4; 21:9) was left by Paul at Miletus because <b>he was sick</b> .	Nothing about any human healing agent	Nothing about his actions or reason for sickness	Apparently some length of time	Not stated	We do not always know why a fellow-believer is sick.
Rev 3:7-13	The Philadelphia Church was specifically identified as having a “ <b>little strength</b> ”, Greek <i>dunamis</i> (Strong’s #1411), meaning “healing power”.	This Church apparently had little healing strength though they had love and an open door.	They have “kept the word of my patience” and are promised delivery from the “hour of temptation”.	Not very many or very many or very powerful healings.	No sins of these people mentioned	Each church had a variety of strengths, weaknesses and benefits. This appears to be just one of them.

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