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The Healing Power of Love

We can take comfort in knowing that the healing power of God is available to heal us spirit, soul and body. But, how is it that we appropriate His healing power? We do this by acting in faith on the word of God. The Apostle James tells us; *"faith without works is dead"* and again, *"be doers of the word and not hearers only."* James knew that acting on God's word would release power in the life of the believer. The following excerpt from *The Healing Power of God* speaks of healing that comes as we act on God's word concerning love. The Apostle John tells us that God is love. The more we perfect our love walk, the closer we are to God. Extending the love of God to others and forgiving those who have hurt us is the greatest virtue in the life of a believer. Love releases God's healing power towards us and towards others.

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Abiding in the Word of God

When God gave us His word in the Holy Scriptures, He gave us the blueprint for a successful, happy, productive life. As the Apostle Peter tells us:

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises. . . (2 Peter 1:3-4)

We have been given exceedingly great and precious promises and we receive these promises through the knowledge of Him. When we know God, we believe Him. When we know Him, we trust Him. When we know Him, we have faith in Him - His abilities, His character, His love towards us. When we know Him, we can release our faith! There is protection in the word of God if we will follow it.

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. (John 15:7-8)

To abide is another covenant term, it means to become one with. Jesus tells us when we become one with God and one with His word, we can ask whatever we desire and it shall be done. This is a powerful scripture! Jesus could make such a profound statement because when we are one with God and His word we will have the heart of God and we will ask for the right things. Can you see why the word of God is our lifeline?



To receive the full benefit of God's word and His promises we must also be - **"doers of the word and not hearers only"** as told in James 1:22. So then, where do we start? We start with the most important instruction in God's word - abiding in the love of God.

The Law of Love

One of the major stumbling blocks to receiving any of the promises of God, especially healing is unforgiveness. We must not allow offense to take hold in our heart. God is Love and if we are to receive from Him, we must obey the Law of Love.

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

This scripture tells us that all the commandments of God hang on these two commands — love God and love your neighbor *as yourself*. It is just as important to forgive ourselves for past failures as it is to forgive others.

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Forgiveness releases the healing power of God! Some have been healed instantly just following this one instruction.

You might be thinking, "But you don't know what they did to me? I can't forgive them." Sometimes we are faced with devastating circumstances, and yes, in our own strength we cannot forgive. This is the time we call upon our Helper, the Holy Spirit. He will give us grace (God's enabling power) to forgive in the most difficult circumstances.

With offense there can be great pain inflicted upon a person psychologically and sometimes even physically. We can determine to forgive, but we may still feel the sting of the offense. However, once we set our heart to obey God's word and forgive, His power will be released to heal the pain of the offense. Luke 4:18 tells us that Jesus is the Healer of the brokenhearted. If you will take the first step and forgive, Jesus will take the next step and heal your broken heart.

I cannot stress enough the importance of our love walk. We must be quick to forgive and quick to obey the word of God. After you have forgiven, depending upon the severity of the offense, it may still take some time to heal. And know this, reconciliation differs from forgiveness. Reconciliation can only take place when the person has

repented and we feel safe once again in the relationship. However, this does not negate the urgency of forgiving those who have hurt us. We need to trust God to work on the heart of the one who offended us. God is our vindicator. We must also be ready to accept responsibility for anything we may have done to cause the offense in the first place. Many times healing will come instantly when a decision is made to forgive.

An important note about abuse: Although we must always forgive, we are not required to live in a life-threatening situation. If you are in an abusive situation, seek professional help. God wants you in a safe environment.

Honor the Word of God

We honor God's word when we obey His word. Every commandment given in the word of God is there for our benefit. Whether it's walking in love, or giving our tithes or keeping our bodies pure before God. Each instruction in God's word is there to help us live a happy, productive and successful life.

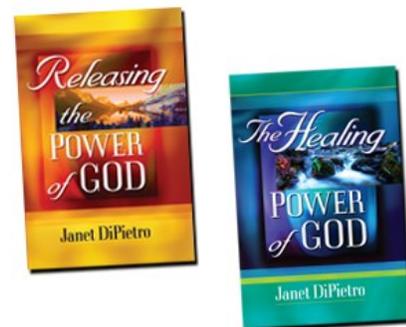
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