

# What to Do When Healing Doesn't Manifest

You know God wants you healed, and you have taken all the steps you know to take from God's Word to receive your healing. But for some reason, your circumstances just do not seem to be changing...healing is not manifesting in your body.

What do you do now?

First, it is important to understand that God has not failed you. He cannot, because there is no failure in Him. It is never God Who is short on healing power. Healing always comes. However, it is not always received.

When demands are made on the power of God, the healing virtue of Jesus Christ will flow into a person's body and make it whole.

In John 5, the story is told about a man who had an infirmity for 38 years. This story, perhaps, gives us the best picture of the frustration that even today's believers face when it comes to wanting to be healed, and yet, not being able to make it happen when we want it - and need it - the most.

We read that day after day the invalid man lay by the pool of Bethesda hoping somehow to be the first person in the water after the angel stirred it, because if he was the first to make it in, he could be healed.

But then along came Jesus. He asked the man, "Do you want to become well?" The invalid answered saying, "Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool." (see verses 6-7, The Amplified Bible).

The significant detail in their conversation at this point is that the man was so focused on the problem of not being able to get into the water before someone else, that he never even considered placing a demand on Jesus to help him - to get him healed.

Like this man, many believers today desire to be healed, yet they have not willed to be healed. What's the difference?

The difference is that determination is what makes a demand on the power of God. After all, God has sent His Word, and according to that Word, healing has already been purchased by the blood of Jesus. So, the rest is up to us. We must act on this new blood covenant to get the results we desire.

Still, for those times when it seems that God's healing power has somehow been short-circuited and it just is not flowing through our lives, the Bible points out some problem areas that may be the reason for this lack of healing or health. Some of those problem areas include:

- \* Failure to forgive others (Mark 11:25-26)
- \* Failure to keep the commandment of love (John 13:34)
- \* Lack of knowledge and lack of vision (Hosea 4:6; Proverbs 29:18)
- \* Lack of discernment of the Lord's body when taking communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

\* Lack of integrity in your hearts (Psalm 25:21)

Since we know there is no failure with God, it is obvious that when believers do not receive their healing, the problem must lie elsewhere. Keeping this in mind, we need to realize that healing largely depends on a firm stand in the fact that your prayer has been heard, and that it has been answered.

The challenge, then, comes in not swaying from God's Word. And in part, that means we need to keep our tongue in line with what God says about our healing.

To help you stay in line with the final Word on healing, we suggest you take the following scriptures, look them up in your Bible, then read them over and over, and meditate on them. It may even help you to write or type them out on separate paper so you can have easier access to them throughout your day.

Proverbs 10:11, 12:18, 13:3, 15:4, 16:24, 18:21

Psalm 34:13-14

1 Peter 3:10-11

By the way, you may find it interesting to know that nine of the 11 plagues that came against Israel, as recorded in the book of Numbers, were caused by misuse of the tongue. So you see, your mouth - and your words - will either work for you, and bring health and healing to your life, or they will work against you, bringing nothing but harm.

Make them work for your good. Make them get on track with what God has said and is saying. Speak the Word - and keep speaking it and keep speaking it. As you do, God will confirm it. And He says, you are healed!