

GOD IS A HEALER OF THE DILIGENT 23/2/15

The following observations should be helpful to get a balanced view of opportunities relating to divine healing. God knows the doubts, fears and strengths that we all carry, yet has made a workable method for us to exercise.

*When we consider our priorities, how many of our prayers serve short term needs and how many are about life and death. **HEB 11:6** But without faith *it is impossible to please him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*. Seeking God is much more than praying when you have a serious illness or need. Our life should include a steady progression of spiritual disciplines no matter how our health or life is functioning.*

*Preparation for a Godly lifestyle... Expectation, focus, persistence, ever steadfast. **7** By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. **8** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. **9** By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: **10** For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. **11** Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.*

13 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. These people all developed and exercised spiritual commitment ahead of natural interests.*

The value of diligence (continuous commitment), when seeking the power of God.

2PET 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: **2** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, **3** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (*escaped the corruption that comes from lust, but not the ongoing battle with natural desires*).

5 And beside this, giving **all diligence, add to your faith virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; **6** And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**. **7** And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. *This verse identifies a series of simple exercises which lead to spiritual development and successful prayers for spirit filled people.*

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Nor in the ability to get prayers answered.*

An ongoing walk requires spiritual priorities to be established and exercised... then comes blessings and healings as the lord sees fit. The healing is not the target... diligent faith is what you should be aiming for.