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Author's note: This is a little longer LW article than normal, and is much like the lessons that we send to our interns who are learning to teach and impart the gifts of the Spirit to others. So, please keep this in mind as you read. If you have a teaching ministry, and would like to be able to teach and impart the gifts of the Spirit to others, please consider joining our tenth intern group that starts July 1st. For more information, please contact Rev. Patty Hansen at Love to all!

MINISTERING TO THE TERMINALLY ILL

With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation." Ps 91:16 NKJV

God wants His people to live. He wants you to finish this life successfully, and go on to live with Him in Heaven eternally. Paul said he would rather die, and be with Christ, which would be far better than to continue living, but he needed to live to serve the Philippians (Phil. 1:23-26). There is a dying by the will of God. Both Peter and Paul knew by revelation when they were supposed to die (2 Tim.4:6-7, 2 Peter 1:13-15). But to die prematurely is not the will of God, and must be resisted with all effort.

I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you. Ex 15:26 NKJV

There are no incurable diseases. Provision has been made through the death and resurrection of Jesus for man's wholeness in spirit, soul and body. God gave man authority over himself and his environment so that he could live successfully as a whole person all the days of his life. With this being said, there is always a reason why people die prematurely.

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you.

Ps 91:5-7 NKJV

Wars (premeditated violence) and accidents (coincidental violence) have no right to harm you or I. If we abide in the secret place of the Almighty, we will find that He is able to protect us from anything. Jesus' life was threatened at least a dozen different times in the gospels, but He never lost it. Even on the Cross, they did not take His life, He laid it down (Matt. 26:53).

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.1 Cor 11:29-30 NKJV

As used here, 'sleep' is a euphemism for death. 'For this reason' tells us there is a reason for these people dying prematurely - the reason being 'not discerning the Lord's body.' You see, Jesus' blood was shed for the remission and forgiveness of our sins. But His body was broken so

that our bodies could be made whole. By His stripes we were healed (Is. 53:5, Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24). When we fail to understand that the price was paid for our physical healing, as well as our spiritual healing, we can fall victim to the enemies plan to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

Now that we have established that it is the will of God for us to live long, satisfying lives, and not die prematurely, lets consider some realities in ministering healing to those with life - threatening physical situations.

Point #1 - there are no incurable diseases or physical maladies.

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. John 9:29-33 NKJV

Jesus proved this point by doing the one healing that had never been done before, healing a man who was born blind. Now, as we read and study, we must always push our minds back to the point that we realize that we, you and I, can do the works that He did (John 14:12). If Jesus could heal anything in anybody, we must realize that we can minister healing to anything in anybody, as the Lord leads us.

Point #2 - breakthrough is not necessarily total victory.

I have learned that breakthrough is not necessarily total victory. Once the breakthrough is achieved, we must continue ministering until total victory is achieved. On several occasions I have had people receive an instant healing, only to have the disease reappear a few months later, and kill the person. One time I ministered to a guy with liver cancer. The next day, he goes to the doctor and tests say the liver is normal. Breakthrough! But the disease returns a couple of months later and kills the guy. Breakthrough was mistakenly thought of as total victory (we Americans have a tendency to celebrate too early...). He should have kept getting ministered to, even daily, until that thing was gone totally. It was a difficult lesson to learn... this is the same truth of what happens to people who get healed in crusades and other meetings, but the symptoms return later. They get a genuine healing, but it is not a total healing. That healing must be followed up with more healing. It is a breakthrough, but not a total victory. We must follow through to total victory. Do you understand?

Point #3 - the sick person must be surrounded by people who are committed to their healing.

The spirit of death surrounds people with the inevitability of death. He will attempt to invade the minds of those surrounding the sick person, and get them to quit resisting him. I once tried to minister healing to a rich, young married man who was dying of cancer. I met his wife and him in a restaurant. I knew in my spirit that she was planning for him to die. Why? I don't know. But I knew it, and I didn't know how to deal with it at the time. I should have taken her aside and ministered to her personally. Then, perhaps, I could have ministered to him effectively. But all I

could do at the time was give him to two books by Dr. Hulda Clark, the CURE FOR ALL CANCERS, and the CURE FOR ALL ADVANCED CANCERS. He left the restaurant with the books, and died six months later.

Cancer is not a death sentence. All diseases are curable. My saintly great aunt lived with cancer in her body for thirty years until she died of old age at 104. Cancer is a naturally occurring process in the body and is controlled by the P53 gene. When the P53 gene fails to do its job, cancer becomes a problem in the body. We have learned scientifically that genes can be switched 'off' and 'on.' Here's a key - when ministering to cancer patients, ask the Lord why the P53 gene has gotten switched 'off,' and what needs to be done to get it working again. He may say, "Sorrow." So minister to sorrow, or cast it out. Look for the cause of the problem...don't just look at the symptoms.

Point #4 - remember the basics.

Speak the word of faith. Reach down into your heart for God to give you a word to speak to that person. Many times, by the Spirit of God, I have quoted that persons favorite verse, or a verse real meaningful to them, that releases their faith that God is working. Ask Jesus, the great Physician, in your heart what He wants to heal. As He shows you by revelation what He wants to do, then you be His voice and command that thing to come to pass. Jesus and the apostles consistently, all the way through the gospels and the book of Acts, commanded healing to come. When I learned to command healing to come, I saw three instantaneous, miraculous healings in five days. Two of the three were of such a nature that the persons life was changed forever. My life and ministry was changed, too, when I learned to command healing to come.

When ministering healing, you must understand the whole environment in which you are operating, both in the natural and in the spiritual. Don't be intimidated or overwhelmed by this reality. You and God are bigger than anything you are up against. Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world. Be bold and humble. Humility without boldness is weakness. Boldness without humility is arrogance. Walk in both realities. Go get 'em, man or woman of God!

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...