## THANKFULNESS TO THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

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Thank Jesus Christ for his healing power. One thing about the Lord that we cannot deny – only doubt – is his great ability to heal. Too many times the first place a believer runs to for help in a sickness is a worldly doctor. The doctors today in general are physicians of no value. They have been trained in and practice only the "accepted" treatments. Many are programmed by the pharmaceutical companies and dispense their sorceries. They cannot heal: they are in the business of treatment – generally using drugs, devices and dumb practices. Their solutions involve cutting, burning, and poisoning.

For injuries, traumas, or emergency procedures I agree there is a need for the medical industry. But for overall health, a person needs to take that responsibility personally. A person should get to know his body, make sure he gets the necessary nutrients, identify allergies, avoid poisons, and detoxify as needed. Talking about toxins, I heard a knowledgeable doctor say this: "If America got rid of all the sugar and sweeteners they use today, there would be little need for the cancer and diabetes industry we have built." Ninety-nine percent of the problems we have are self-inflicted – a bad diet being at the top of the list.

Drugs are toxic. They usually cause more problems than they solve, and rarely correct the cause of the problem (only stopping the symptoms or making them worse), and they make people think their root problem is being solved because the symptoms are masked. The real problem worsens as it is not addressed.

As one man said, "Going to doctors is not something you want to do if you want to remain healthy."

The person of faith ought to put his trust in the Lord. Jesus *can* and *does* heal. He gives the wisdom to know what to change in order to be healthy. We ought to go to God first. We ought to go to a doctor as a very last resort. In most cases, if a person does his due diligence to research whatever health issues he has, prays diligently, and seeks the wisdom of God, believing his promises; that person will know more than the doctor he thinks will help.

Here are some verses the Lord gave me:

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Acts 9:34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

- 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
- 2 Chronicles 16:12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

## Mark 5

- 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

## 1 Corinthians 11

- 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
- 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

## James 5

14 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:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Additionally, God gave us plants and minerals that, through their various natural systems, can provide certain things that help with physical ailments. Certain natural things can help with pain, infections, healing, inflammation, blood thickening or thinning, and just about any physical ailment a person comes across. These natural things are provided by God for our benefit, and they do not have the serious side effects that drugs do. One just needs to study these things.

There are those times God uses illness to get out attention, humble us, chastise us, put the fear of God in our hearts, use us in a particular work; and generally know he is the Person we should look to. Most times, though, it is our own doing that we are sick.

When these times of sickness come, we need to seek the Lord first. We need to pray. We need to seek his wisdom, and we need to be thankful for whatever happens.

My heart is very thankful to Jesus Christ for his healing power. As I get older this body becomes more and more vulnerable to the physical weaknesses. I am afraid of doctors, but I fear the Lord more. My only recourse is to the Lord. I dare not fall for the advice of loved ones who advise me to run to the doctor for any little ailment. I dare not take drugs. By the grace of God I hope to seek only him until my days are finished on this earth. And through it all I hope to be as thankful as I am today for his gracious healing power.

Recently, I experienced some physical things that concerned me greatly. I fervently prayed to the Lord for his gracious and miraculous healing. By his great mercy he touched my body. I am praising the Lord for his goodness. Blessed be the Lord.

Thank you, Jesus!