

Studies in 1 Corinthians

Lesson XXXV: The Gifts of Miracles and Healing

TEXT: 1 Cor. 12:7-11, 28-31 (NASV)

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8** For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10** and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. **29** All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? **30** All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? **31** But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

Questions for Thought & Discussion

I. What five things were true of the healing ministry of Jesus?

1. Jesus could heal both by t_____ and by w_____ (Mark 5:27-28; Matthew 8:5-8)
2. He healed i_____ (Mark 5:29; Mark 7:31-35)
3. He healed c_____ (Luke 4:38-39)
4. He could heal a_____ c_____ (Luke 4:40)
5. He was even able to r_____ the d_____ (Mark 5:35-42)

II. Jesus passed along the power of healing to whom? (Luke 9:1; 10:1)

III. Did they heal in the same way that Jesus did? (Acts 3:1-4; 5:12-16; 9:32-42)

➤ *What can we conclude about those who claim healing powers today, but do not heal like Jesus and the apostles?*

IV. What was the primary purpose of the miraculous gifts? (John 20:30-31; Acts 3:1-15; Heb. 2:3-4)

➤ *If the credibility of Jesus, the apostles, and the New Testament have already been established, are the miraculous gifts any longer necessary?*

Answers to QI: 1. touch, word 2. instantly 3. completely 4. any, condition 5. raise, dead