

Healing is Appealing

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How can I do medical evangelism if I don't have the supernatural gift of healing?

THE PUSHCART OF HEALING

A tribe called Karbis lives in a remote village called Rongphar in Assam, India. It is a forest area and less connected with the modern facilities of the nearby city, Guwahati. When people in that village fall sick, they carry them on a pushcart to the nearby clinic which is about ten kilometres away.

The cart is useful but it still requires someone to push it. Today, we are going to be talking about how you can be involved in the healing ministry of Jesus. How you can push that cart for your friend, family, co-worker, or loved one.

- Last Week
 - Jesus connecting
 - with poor
 - healing.

- Question:
 - Jesus had supernatural

- healing power.
- If I do not...
 - how can I be like Jesus?
- To understand healing
 - you must understand
 - disease.

Disease From A Biblical Perspective

- Let's understand disease

John 9:1-3 ESV

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

- then goes to heal him...
- Why blind?
- Not because

- someone sinned.
- Part of living
 - in great controversy.
 - world of brokenness.
- Another story

Matthew 9:1-6 ESV

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

- In this story...
 - was there a connection
 - between sin and
 - illness?
- Yes,

- HEALS HIM BY
 - FORGIVING HIM!

- Another Passage

Proverbs 26:2 ESV

Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
a curse that is causeless does not alight.

- If there is a curse.
 - there is a cause.

- Usually,
 - There is a reason.

- Usually,
 - our own decisions.

Galatians 6:7 ESV

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

- Choices = Consequences

Isaiah 3:10-11 ESV

Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them,

for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him,

for what his hands have dealt out shall be done to him.

- Good Choices =
 - Good Results
- Bad Choices
 - = Bad Results

Jeremiah 6:19 ESV

Hear, O earth; behold, I am bringing disaster upon this people,

the fruit of their devices,

because they have not paid attention to my words;

and as for my law, they have rejected it.

- Key Phrase:

“The fruit of their devices...”

- **Natural Laws**
 - God allows natural
 - consequences.
- Many people say.

“I have Type 2 Diabetes. It runs in my family. It is hereditary.”

- Is this true?
 - partially.
- Science has discovered...

Epigenetics

Epigenetics is the study of heritable changes in gene expression (active versus inactive genes) that do not involve changes to the underlying DNA sequence — a change in phenotype without a change in genotype — which in turn affects how

cells read the genes. Epigenetic change is a regular and natural occurrence but can also be influenced by several factors including age, the environment/lifestyle, and disease state. Epigenetic modifications can manifest as commonly as the manner in which cells terminally differentiate to end up as skin cells, liver cells, brain cells, etc.

- Allow me to translate...
- Your genes are not fixed
 - from your birth.
- Your genes can change.
 - based on how you live!
- You can turn on and off
 - certain aspects
 - in your genetic code.
- This is seen powerfully
 - in lifestyle changes.
- Question:

Is Type 2 Diabetes a genetic problem?

- Yes...
 - Technically
 - A problem that is effected by our genes.
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- Deeper question:

Is Type 2 Diabetes hereditary?

- Not very much.
 - It is familial.
 - Like all of the biggest killers in Standard American Culture.
 - It is primarily lifestyle related.
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- Familial Means:
 - It runs in my family
 - because the people
 - in my family
 - all make the same types
 - of decision...

New Start

- Nutrition
 - Exercise
 - Water
 - Sunshine
 - Temperance
 - Fresh Air
 - Rest
 - Trust in God
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- 96% of the Problem

So What?

- Now that we understand
 - how disease works
- We can understand healing.

Big Seven

- Heart Disease
 - Cancer
 - Accidents or Neonatal Conditions
 - Respiratory Disease or Infection
 - Stroke
 - Alzheimer's Disease
 - Diabetes
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- 6 out of 7
 - connection to lifestyle

Now What?

- We can all be healers!!!
- **Educate**
- **Empower**

Medical Evangelism

- Jesus primary method
 - of evangelism
 - Medical Evangelism!
- We are His disciples...
 - Use His methods!!!
- God gave us,
 - amazing information.

Testimony from Florica

- This is healing!
- This is miraculous!
- This is God at work!

- God loves to heal naturally.
- We have a wealth of info.

Emotional Spiritual Healing

- Jesus did lots of
 - physical healing
 - blind
 - lame
 - deaf
- But he also...
 - did lots of
 - Spiritual Healing
 - Demon Possession
 - Forgiving Sins
 - Changing Hearts

John 5:13-14 ESV

Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”

- Jesus goal
 - not just
 - man to walk.
- Man to be in heaven!
 - Spiritual Healing

Cured Vs. Healed

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Appeal

1. Familiarize Yourself with Adventist Health Info
2. Begin Applying it One Step at a Time

3. Share It with Others

4. Transition into Spiritual Healing When Possible