

DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND FAITH?

PT 6 - FAITH AND HEALING

Mark 9:23...Mark 11:22-23

Romans 10:17...Matthew 17:14-21 & Matthew 10:1, 7-8 & Matthew 13:31-32 Faith is developed over time. No one is born again instantly having 100% of all possible mountain-moving faith in operation. Believing that God's Word is truth is one thing; having the faith of that truth in operation is another. This is true for every promise of God, there are no exceptions.

Psalms 107:20...Matthew 8:17...1 Peter 2:24...3 John 1:2 You can believe that healing is for today, but if your faith isn't developed to the point of receiving healing, then doctors, medicine, therapy, etc are a must while you're developing your faith. Stubbornness in refusing medical help is NOT faith. Why would you want to suffer?

Many people were healed, received miracles and even raised from the dead through the ministry of Smith Wigglesworth. Yet he himself suffered horribly with kidney stones for six years.

Some Christians refuse medical attention because they claim to be standing in faith. That principle must therefore be consistent:

- Don't go to a doctor for hearing aids, eye glasses, a tooth cavity or anything else.
- If you collapse on the floor from a heart attack, do you want us to leave you lying there while you believe for your healing?
- If someone runs a red light, plows into your car and you're unconscious with obvious injuries, do you want us to tell the emergency squad to leave you alone because you're believing God for your healing?
- Don't take Tums or Rolaids when you have acid indigestion.

Psalms 116:15 Precious (yâqâr) in this context, "costly."

Because of incomplete teachings about faith and healing, some Christians may have feelings of guilt, condemnation and failure if they seek medical attention. These incomplete teachings have resulted in some Christians finding it way to easy to say God told them not to take medicine or seek medical attention: their faith is in the teaching instead of being developed by God's Word.

How many church services are you willing to miss because you're standing in faith for healing? How many days will friends or family members need to bring you meals and help you around the house because you're standing in faith for healing? How long are you willing to sit on the sidelines and not be able to do anything for God while you're standing in faith for healing?

Generally, "faith" Christians pick and choose how they fight affliction with faith. Taking medicine and receiving medical attention does not prove a lack of faith; instead, it can make fighting afflictions easier. Again, believing that divine healing is real is not proof you have enough faith developed to receive a manifestation of healing.

The time to develop faith for healing is now, when you are healthy.