

HEALING

Literal Meaning: To restore instantaneously

Description: The gift of **Healing(s)** is the divine enablement to be God's means for restoring people to wholeness.

NOTE: The Greek word is actually plural, "healing," which indicate that different kinds of healings are possible with this gift (i.e., emotional, relational, spiritual, physical, etc.).

Distinctives:

- Demonstrates the power of God
- Bring restoration to the sick and diseased
- Authenticate a message from God through healing
- Use healing as an opportunity to communicate a biblical truth and to see God glorified
- Pray, touch, or speak words that miraculously bring healing to one's body

Traits:

- Compassionate
- Trusts in God
- Prayerful
- Full of faith
- Humble
- Responsive
- Obedient

Cautions:

- Need to remember that it is not always their faith or the faith of the sick that determines a healing, but God who determines it
- Need to realize that God does not promise to heal everyone who asks or is prayed for
- Should remember that Jesus did not heal everyone who was sick or suffering while he was on the earth

Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28,30;
Acts 2:1-16; Mark 2:1-12

1. Do you have a deep compassion for people who are sick?
2. Do you have a deep conviction that God can heal anyone he chooses?
3. Do you enjoy praying for people who are sick?
4. Have you seen God heal someone?
5. When God heals someone, are you excited because it helps to reveal his power to others?
6. Do you long for the coming of God's kingdom, when there will be an end to all sickness since sin and its effects will be no more?