

THE GIVER AND THE GIFTS
WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES IN THE CHRISTIAN AND IN THE CHURCH
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THE NEED FOR HEALING

GIFTS OF HEALING

DEFINITION:

“...perhaps many different gifts or powers of healing, each appropriate to and effective for its related illness, or each occurrence constituting a distinct gift in its own right.”¹

“Paul is not talking about ‘the gift of healing’ or ‘the healing ministry.’ He is encouraging the Corinthians to expect many different ways in which God in his sheer grace gives healing of all kinds to different people, relationships, even situations. ...At once the focus comes off individuals who might exercise such a ministry, and the stress is allowed to fall where it is consistently places in the teaching of this chapter, *i.e.* on the gifts distributed to the body to demonstrate that Jesus is Lord. We are, then, more free to respond to God who says, ‘I am the LORD, your healer’, whenever sickness of any kind comes.”²

PRAYER FOR HEALING

James 5:13-18

¹ Sam Storms, *The Beginner’s Guide to Spiritual Gifts*, p. 61.

² David Prior

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THE PRAYER OF FAITH

WHEN GOD DOESN'T HEAL

APPLICATION

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Miraculous Healing, Henry W. Frost
Beside Still Waters, Charles Spurgeon