

of devils. However, sometimes, sickness and disease is related to demonic presence. In Luke 13:10-16, Jesus spoke to the demon (spirit) of infirmity, and then He laid hands on the woman and healed the damage done to her body . 1

Sometimes, not all the time, sickness is directly attributed to demons (Mark 9:14-27). 1

1. Do you think healing received by faith alone? _____
2. Are all physical problems always directly connected to demons? (p. 27,28, this book) _____

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TENTH STUDY

CHRISTAIN MINISTERS

A minister is one who serves. In the New Testament Scriptures, a minister is descriptive of: an Assistant (Acts 13:5); A Servant (Matthew 20:22-27); A Magistrate (Romans 13:4,6); Christ (Romans 15:8); Christ's Messengers (I Corinthians 3:5); and also False Teachers (II Corinthians 11:15).

The Qualifications of the Christian Minister are: they: Have to be Able to Teach (I Timothy 3:2); Are Courageous (Acts 20:22-24); Are Diligent (I Corinthians 15:10); Are Faithful (Romans 15:17-19); Impartial (I Timothy 5:21); Industrious (II Corinthians 10:12-16); Meek (II Timothy 2:25); Obedient (Acts 16:9,10); Persevering (Unrelenting; II Corinthians 11:23-33); Prayerful (Acts 6:4); Sincere (II Corinthians 4:1,2); Spirit Filled (Acts 1:8); Studious (II Timothy 2:15); Sympathetic (Hebrews 5:2); Temperate (Mild; I Corinthians 9:25-27); Are Willing (Ready to do something voluntarily; I Peter 5:2); and Worthy of Imitation (Being used as a model to follow; I Timothy 4;12).

The Sins a Minister is to Avoid are: Arrogance (Haughtiness, pride; I Peter 5:3); Contentiousness (Creating disagreement; frequently arguing; Titus 1:7); Discouragement (Trying to stop a person, or making it harder for a person to do something; make somebody feel less confident; II Corinthians 4:8.9); Insincerity (Not genuine and not reflecting true feelings; Philippians 1:15,16); Perversion of the Truth (The changing of something good, true, or correct into something bad or wrong; II Corinthians 11:3-15); and Unfaithfulness (Adulterous, untrue to commitments; Matthew 24:48-51).

The Duties of the Minister are: to Preach the Gospel (I

Corinthians 1:17); Preach Christ Crucified (I Corinthians 1:23); Preach Christ's Riches (Ephesians 3:8-12); Feed the Church (John 21:15-17); Edify the Church (Teach the Church something that increases their knowledge and improves their character; Ephesians 4:12); Pray for the People [Believers and Unbelievers]; Colossians 1:9); Teach (II Timothy 2:2); Exhort (Encourage, Urge to do something; Titus 1:9); Warn of Apostasy (Renunciation of Christian beliefs; II Timothy 4:2-5); Comfort (Cheer; bring relief to somebody in anxiety or distress; II Corinthians 1:4-6); and Win Souls (I Corinthians 9:19-23).

One of the greatest distresses of ministry, especially Pastors of a flock, is the mistreatment by and misunderstanding of the flock toward their God-given vision. This can cause him or her to quit the ministry before it is complete. A flock should always ask God how they can help their pastor by joining in his vision. If the Pastor is in error, God will punish that wicked servant.

The Attitude of Believers toward the Minister (Pastors) Should be; Pray for Them (Ephesians 6:18-20); Follow His or Her Example (I Corinthians 11:1); Obey (I Thessalonians 5:12,13); Esteem Highly (I Corinthians 4:1,2); and Provide for Them (I Corinthians 9:6-18).

Even though not all have the same ministry calling, each should strive to understand their specific place and follow the teachings of the Bible.

1. (a) Has God revealed to you your calling in His kingdom? (Check one) Yes ____ No ____ I'm not sure yet ____
- (b) If the answer is yes, What is it? _____
- (3) If your calling has changed in the last few years since your initial calling, explain. _____

ELEVENTH STUDY

DIVINE HEALING

Being a major part of the Gospel, divine healing (and deliverance) from sickness and disease is a provision in the Atonement, and is available today to all who believe (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; I Peter 2:24).

When the kingdom of God is preached, healing is preached. Salvation is an all inclusive word, covering spirit, soul, and body. ¹

Matthew 10:7,8 - *And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of God is at hand.*

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give (without charge).

Healing and the saving of our soul is by faith. The Cross connects the Salvation of the soul to healing—Jesus paid the price for both, therefore, it is just as much the will of God to heal as it is the will of God to save us. ¹

Healing, the Restoration of Health Resulting from: Intercession (Numbers 12:10,15); Repentance (I Kings 13:1-6); Prayer (James 5:14,15); Use of Means (With the help of medication; I Timothy 5:23); Faith (Numbers 21: 8,9; John 4:46-53); and by Praying and Quoting God's Word (Psalm 107:20).

The Power of Healing: Belongs to God (Genesis 20:17,18); Possessed by Jesus (Matthew 4:24; 8:16); Bestowed Upon Apostles (Matthew 10:8); Given as a Gift (One of the Nine Gifts of the Spirit; I Corinthians 12:9); and is Eternal in Heaven (Revelation 22:2).

SICKNESS AND DEMONS

All physical problems are not directly connected to demons. Matthew 10:8 separates the healing of the sick and casting out

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