

ACTS

CHAPTER 5:12-16

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TITLE:

“JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED”

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth**.”

When Going To Eastern Europe, *Russia or Estonia*

A GOOD Family Doctor Will Demand That You Take;

- 500 mgs of *2επει1υ ανδ*
- 1,000 mgs of *ρχ1θφδ*
- and be sure take this once a day
- and **DON'T DRINK THE WATER!!!**

His Goal is to have you return... **“HEALTHY”**

Dr. Jesus desires His church to be a;

- A Spirit-Filled Church,
- An Energized, Unified and Multiplied...

In One Word... **“HEALTHY”**

Satan's desire for the church is for it to be a;

- A Dead Church,
- A Powerless, Divided & Decreasing Church...

In One Word, **“SICKLY”**

God wants you

Running

Satan wants you

Limping

God wants you

Joyful,

Satan wants you

Sorrowful

God wants you

Useful

Satan wants you

Useless

Heart Attack, Jog Attack, Heart Attack

1 Timothy 4:7b-8

... exercise yourself toward godliness. :8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things...

Jesus said...

“I will build (assemble, confirm) my church”

not by committee, not by pastor, not by board...BY HIMSELF !!!

Psalm 107:20

He sent HIS WORD and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction's.

A Year Ago This Week Lisa Was Very Sick

My Prescription Pads

Jesus has Given His Word to Empower us, to Convert us and to Heal us

Jesus Said;

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. -John 14:12

• • • • The Testimony of a Healthy Church • • • • (me)

Acts 4:33 & 5:11

Like a healthy relationship

Living water flows;

Into us, Through us & Out of us. Inflowing and outreaching, when living water is present, the relationship can never become stagnant

1. The Heart of a Healthy Church vv. 12-13

Whenever God begins a message to man, *He does so with a powerful introduction...*

√ Moses	<i>performed Miracles, to bring them to the Faith</i>
√ The Prophets	<i>performed Miracles, to bring them to the Faith</i>
√ Jesus	<i>performed Miracles, to bring them to the Faith</i>
√ The Church	<i>performed Miracles, to bring them to the Faith.</i>

The Goal is always Faith

<i>Signs</i>	<i>GRK</i>	<i>semaino (say-mah'-ee-no)</i> <i>means a marker; a sign. or indicator</i> <i>to point the way</i>
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Wonders

GRK

teras (ter'-as)

*a prodigy or a unique act to remember
to adhere to the brain*

Hebrews 2:4

God Confirms the Gospel Message

God also *bearing witness* both with **(signs)** and **(wonders)**, with **(various miracles)**, and **(gifts)** of the Holy Spirit...

The purpose of a Miracle;

- 1.) to minister *compassion*, by meeting a temporal need.
- 2.) to reveal God's *authority*, by having power over creation.
- 3.) to deliver a spiritual *truth*, in all of His teachings.

To point to us the way, So that we will not forget

The John 6 Example

- 1.) *Jesus fed the 5,000*
to minister compassion, by meeting a temporal need.

- 2.) *Making known His Authority.*
by having power over creation.

- 3.) *To deliver a spiritual truth, in all of His teachings.*
Then He preached "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE".

This is our example as Church

- 1.) Are we ministering compassion to those who are near us ?
- 2.) Is our lifestyle revealing His authority over us ?
- 3.) Do we spread the good news of Jesus to those around us ?

A Word of Caution

Satan can duplicate a miracle, But Satan cannot duplicate truth because there's no truth in him.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. :2 **By this you know the Spirit of God:** • Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come (and is coming) in the flesh is of God, • :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come (and is coming) in the flesh is not of God. And • this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Verse 13

The Result of Ananias & Sapphira Judgment,

the integrity of the early church was impeccable. The body was purged from within and from without. The NON-Believers respected the Christian and his message, not necessarily agreeing with it, but respecting it, being unable to deny it.

“The Rest” is in relation to the non-believers present or near the body.

“Dared join them” Implied, they decided not to join the church being unconverted.

2. The Pulse of a Healthy Church *vv. 14-15*

Verse 14

and **“Believers”** were increasingly added to the Lord...

Believers,

those who *are believing*, to be *having faith* in Jesus (Not in the Miracles, but in Him)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believes in** him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Believes GRK *pisteuo (pist-yoo'-o);*
to cling to, to rely upon, to trust in. to have full confidence!

Increasingly GRK *mallon (mal'-lon)*
in a great degree

Added GRK *kollao (kol-lah'-o)*
to be glued to, to keep company with. to find a home.

SO that They *Brought the sick out into the streets*

is a reference to those in verse 13

In The Mid-East Culture,
it was supposed that if a shadow of an evil person passed over you, you would begin to experience evil in your life.

Likewise,
if a good person passed by and their shadow crossed your path, blessing would come to you.

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Overshadow

GRK

here means to set in the shade of, to invest in something

3. The Life of a Healthy Church vv. 16

explain this verse, explain this verse, explain this verse, explain this verse,

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, **and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.** :15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. :16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.
...who is sufficient for these things?

explain this verse, explain this verse, explain this verse, explain this verse,

REMEMBER,

**We Are Not In Heaven Yet
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John 10:10

"The thief (Satan or the Devil) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Devil

GRK

diabolos (dee-ab'-ol-os)

a false accuser, a slanderer, a liar

ENG., diabolic (cal)

Divine Healing

why is there a need (Satan)

(a miracle is not subject to the physical laws of the universe, it is that which invades a lesser domain

The Church is a hospital, • *it heals broken wounds & mends hearts,* • *it rehabilitates the people that they might walk again,* • *it even conducts operations under the watchful hand of it's surgeon general.*

2 Corinthians 5:19-10

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

APPLICATION;

TO BE A "GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

it must be true regarding who we really are. not what you see of me and what I see of you.
but what God, spouse, kids, family and friends see of us.

Ephesians 4:3

endeavoring (**spoo-dad-zoo, be quick to make every effort**) to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

During the writing of the book of Acts, Those being converted to Christianity were often excommunicated from their Jewish culture.

Families had funerals with caskets.

Many were immediately fired from their jobs and some even had their estates seized.

*This hostile, Anti-Christ-Christian environment
caused thousands to share lives one with another.*

It would be like all of us living at
Old English Springs Park or **Ayala Park**
with tents,

Ask Yourself,

What would people see from my life ?
What would people think about me ?
Would I be a blessing or a bummer ?

You Can Know the Answer to That Question Right Now

- What does your kid think about your Christianity
- What would your co-workers say

Proverbs 27:2

Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.