

Lesson 14
Technical Pointers
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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. One of the best things you can do before ministering healing is to establish an atmosphere of faith by teaching the Word of God. The Word is what is anointed, alive, and powerful. God will always confirm His Word with signs and wonders following whatever is taught or emphasized.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- A. Testimonies are great as well, but don't let a testimony be a substitute for the Word of God or your teaching source.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:11

- B. Hearing someone's healing journey is powerful, but make sure that we always exalt the Word of God. Teach the Word of God because that's where the anointing is; that is what's alive and powerful.
- II. As you establish an atmosphere of faith, do as much as possible to get rid of any distractions that could cause unbelief or fear.
 - A. When Jesus came to the ruler's house and the crowd was put outside, He went in and took the little girl by the hand, and she arose, and the report of this went out into all the land.

When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land.

Matthew 9:23–26

- B. Sometimes even the music, or things like that, can be a distraction.
- III. Take charge of the space used for a meeting. You have no idea who was just in that space the night before and it may have been used for some demonic purposes. You may not know, but once your foot hits that territory, it becomes holy ground. Take authority over the space in the name of Jesus.
- A. Begin by declaring out loud, as a prophetic declaration or confession, what the Lord has shown you about that meeting. Dedicate that place to His grace while you're there.
 - B. We were told by Jesus that we must worship in spirit and in truth.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

- C. We need to see that greatness displayed wherever we gather together. The early church was in awe of the presence of God and they saw the power of His presence, which resulted in healing.

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

- D. There's a powerful connection between true worship and healing ministry.

So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the

surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:11-16

IV. Learn to release the Spirit of God from within your inner man. Don't let the presence within you just be an abiding presence but release it from you and let it become a manifested presence.

A. As the rivers of living water flow out of the abundance of your heart, your mouth will speak. You will establish faith and confidence in people that God is present to heal.

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:34

B. Unbelief even hindered Jesus in His ministry in a town called Nazareth. They saw Him there only as a carpenter. Many were offended at Him, and familiarity became an excuse for lack of honor. This resulted in limiting what Jesus could do.

Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Mark 6:5-6

C. Jesus didn't start questioning His belief or asking Himself what was wrong with Him when He didn't see more being accomplished. He didn't let their unbelief stop Him, but instead He went about teaching the Word of God in other villages. He just kept right on going, and we need to do the same thing.

V. If you minister in a hospital setting, don't let the medical facts dominate your perspective. You don't have to deny the facts, nor should you, but remember God's Word is the truth, and truth always trumps reality. Faith does not require us to deny reality, but we don't need to exalt it, magnify it, or make it our focus.

A. We need to keep looking unto Jesus, who is the truth, the life, and the way. We need to magnify the good report, the report of the Lord, and not necessarily the medical report, especially when it is contrary to the good report. When you get in that

hospital atmosphere, sometimes it's really easy to let all that factual information start to overwhelm your heart.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

- B. Doctors and nurses and all the medical staff are practicing medicine; that's what they do. Be kind to the hospital staff. Whenever you're in that setting, don't come in there like some know-it-all. Be kind and be Jesus with skin on.
- C. Doctors are not our enemies, and we need to treat them with respect. They do what they were trained to do, but they do not have the last word.
- D. Luke was a medical doctor and wrote the Gospel of Luke. So, going to a doctor is not necessarily a lack of faith, but we do need to consult the Lord for direction first. Always ask the Lord for direction and guidance instead of just assuming that receiving healing will always happen the same way every single time.

And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians. So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

2 Chronicles 16:12-13

- E. If you've come to minister to someone in the hospital and the medical staff is still in the room, depending on the situation, just give it a minute. Wait until they leave so that you have the freedom to minister like you need to without carnal or natural influence over you.

VI. Here are some practical technical pointers.

- A. First impressions make a big difference.
 - 1. Personal hygiene and fresh breath are always a great place to start. We don't want to make anyone have an obstacle of any kind, so even using deodorant would be excellent.
 - 2. Be excellent in all you do. Even though God looks at the heart, men look at the outward appearance. So, if your outward appearance is distracting or not modest, it could become a stumbling block.

3. As a prayer minister, we need to honor the Lord and not be a stumbling block to other people. We need to do what we can to use excellence of ministry as our foundation.
- B. Introduce yourself.
1. When someone comes up to you in a prayer line and you're the prayer minister, introduce yourself to them. Share your name and smile, and be warm and friendly. They might be nervous; this might be the first time they've ever done something like this, so ask their name and then remember it.
 2. When people sense sincerity, it will help them relax and receive what Jesus has already provided.
- C. Listen carefully.
1. Listen to what the person's heart is saying, not just their words. Never assume why someone is coming or what someone is believing God for. Ask them an open-ended question, like, "What are you believing for today," or "How can I minister to you today?"
- D. Be careful that you don't give unbelief a voice.
1. Some people want to give you their medical history. Don't let that unbelief establish the moment, but start with asking what they can believe for at this moment. You may need to interrupt them while they're giving their medical history, and, if you do, do it in a way that doesn't put them down or make them feel inferior.
 2. People are so used to doing this because medical professionals require the case history to be able to determine a diagnosis. With Jesus, however, the healing has already been accomplished, so we do not need to give Him all these facts in order to get healed.
- E. When you're ministering, see the person.
1. Don't see them as a number or a case, but see the person who Jesus deeply loves, and be moved by compassion. Don't just see a problem or another needy person. Don't let that sickness be how you see them.
 2. See them as Jesus sees them, and don't let that sickness or disease cause fear in you. You've been given authority in the name that's above every name. Whatever

the name the doctor has given as the diagnosis or prognosis, it's a name that is under the name of Jesus.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:9

F. Learn to spot fear.

1. Fear is the enemy of faith and is a terrible motivator for healing and health.
2. Perfect love is supernatural and will cast out all fear. So, help by applying the Word of God, taking authority over that fear, and helping the person get a new perspective.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18

3. The fear of the future for people with a long-term illness is a really big deal. So, encourage them to use their spiritual imagination and begin to paint a new picture in their heart of what they want their future to look like.

G. Ask them what scripture they're standing on.

1. This will help you locate where they are spiritually. You may have to share what the Word says about healing and help them discover something to take hold of as their scripture.
2. Never assume that they know the Word of God. This may be all brand new for them, so help them discover what God's Word says.

H. Be bold.

1. Speak words of faith and be confident in the promises of God. They are always yes and amen in Christ.

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2 Corinthians 1:20

2. Have an attitude that healing is already a done deal and no problem for Jesus. Help them see that it's a finished work, not something big, scary, or too difficult for God.
 3. The Holy Spirit is where boldness comes from, so you don't have to try to work it up. You already have that boldness in your spirit man and you just need to let that flow. Cooperate and partner with the Holy Spirit, and let that boldness flow out of your life.
 4. When you are bold and begin to declare what's going to happen and take your authority as a believer, powerful things will begin to happen.
- I. If a person has come to you for several things to be healed, win a victory in one area first, like when people have pain. Once the pain goes, they're ready to believe God for anything.
- J. Be careful not to take too much time with one person.
1. We all have those people in our lives who tend to over communicate. So, remember that Jesus didn't do interviews before healing people. He didn't even pray for healing; He just healed them.
- K. Be patient with people.
1. Sometimes you can get into a rush, especially as you see a lot of people waiting to be ministered to. Don't forget, we inherit the promises through faith and patience.
 2. Help people to understand that there are instant healings as well as progressive healings. Encourage them to never quit.
 3. Encourage them, no matter what they feel or don't feel in their bodies, the healing power of God has gone into them and it's working on their behalf.
- L. Don't limit God.
1. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able

to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Ephesians 3:17-20

2. God wants to take the limits off in every area of our lives, so we need to partner and cooperate with Him, not limit Him.

M. Give them an assignment.

1. Give them an assignment to help them keep moving forward in their healing journey. Once you know what their situation is, listen to the Holy Spirit, the Helper, and see if you have something for them that will help.
2. Maybe it's a word study for them on something like unbelief. Maybe it is praying in the Holy Ghost for an hour a day. Anything to help them not stay where they are.

N. When ministering to children, get down on their level by getting down on one knee or both knees. Minister to them face-to-face and help them feel safe.

1. Don't use big words that they can't understand, and don't even try to reason with them or talk them into something. Jesus ministered to children, so let's do what Jesus did.
2. You'll be amazed at what will happen to their tender little hearts as they believe what you're telling them. They haven't been influenced yet with all the unbelief of the world, the junk that most adults have been exposed to. So, kids receive really easily.

VII. Other considerations to keep in mind when you minister.

A. You are not a professional counselor.

1. Avoid giving advice on how to treat their condition, such as physical actions that might harm them, or suggest that they stop taking their medications.
2. You can certainly encourage them to put action to what they believe, but this is their healing. They will receive according to what they believe no matter what you believe.
3. People will throw their medications away on their own. You won't have to do it for them. If someone wants to get up out of a wheelchair, you can certainly help them, but don't feel like you must pull them up.

4. This is their healing, so your role is to work with the Spirit of God and help them to receive their healing.
- B. Be really careful about exchanging personal information.
1. This is not something to fear, but we just don't need to be giving place to the devil by being foolish.
 2. If you're meeting with someone of the opposite sex and you're married, then I would recommend always bringing your spouse with you. If your spouse is not available, then bring a friend with whom you have established trust.
- C. If criminal activity has been shared with you, or the intent to commit suicide, or if the person confesses to sexually abusing a child, you need to consult with the authority over you as soon as possible. You are legally responsible once that information is shared with you.
1. Honestly, this is rare, but it does happen because hurt people hurt people. Thank God, Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted, whatever that looks like.
- D. Ask permission to lay your hands on them and do so with gentleness and with respect.
1. Do not lay your hands on any personal area, whether you're a man or a woman.
- E. If someone starts to fall backwards to the ground under the influence of the Spirit, don't try to catch them yourself. This is a great way to really injure yourself.
1. Once they fall, let the usher help if there's an usher there and let the Holy Ghost work.
 2. Usually in these kind of church settings we will put what is commonly referred to as a privacy cloth on someone if they fall.
- F. Jesus rebuked demonic activity by giving demons commands.
1. The word *rebuke* has no power in itself. To rebuke demonic activity is to tell them what to do. That is the rebuke, not just the word *rebuke* in itself. You're the one with authority over all of the power of the enemy, so use it.
 2. Jesus did not carry on conversations with or yell at demons. He never let demonic activity take center stage.

3. The Word of God is where the power is, so let the Word of God be powerful in you and through you. As the Spirit of God flows through you, it'll be way more than enough to handle any demonic activity.

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19

4. We have to be careful that we're not moved by what we see, especially if there's a demonic manifestation of some kind. Don't let that move you.
5. We, as believers, are to cast out demonic activity in the name of Jesus. Don't fear the demonic. The enemy is a fallen angel who does not have the ability to be omnipresent and is not even close to being all-powerful. The devil is defeated, so give thanks to Jesus for all that He has done; He has won the victory and the enemy is a defeated foe.

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.

Mark 16:17
