

# Lesson 1

## We Are Able Ministers

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### VIDEO OUTLINE

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

- I. You must be able to see that not only does God heal people, but He can do it through you.

*Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

2 Corinthians 3:6, KJV

- A. Satan can't accuse God. But he does come and say "Sure, God would minister through Andrew or through any of these other instructors. God can use them, but what makes you think you're worthy?"
- B. God uses us according to who we are in the Spirit, not according to our flesh.
- C. Healing is not limited to the twelve apostles. This is not limited to just the disciples that were present during Jesus's time on earth.

*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*

Matthew 10:1, KJV

- D. Once you receive the salvation that God has given you and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you have been anointed by God to do the same works that He did.
- II. Jesus gave us His same power. He says that if you believe in Him, you will do the same works and even greater.

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

John 14:12, KJV

- A. Jesus laid hands on the sick, and He told us that when we lay hands on the sick, they will recover.

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

Mark 16:17-18, KJV

- B. Jesus said that everything that He did, you can do also, if you will believe. This is not just reserved for people who are in full-time ministry, who have a gifts of healing, or the gift of miracles. Jesus wasn't referring to people we might consider "super saints."
- C. Jesus gave you power over all sickness, over all disease, and over all demons, to cast them out.

III. You can heal the sick.

*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

Matthew 10:8, KJV

- A. Don't discount the authority that God has given you. He just said, "I gave you power, authority, over all sickness and over all disease." When you come saying, "Oh God, I am nothing, I have nothing, and I can do nothing," you are in violation of what God says. God gave you His power.
- B. God gave you healing power. He gave you the ability to raise the dead, and He told you to heal the sick.

*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.*

Ephesians 1:18-19, KJV

- C. Without Jesus, I am less than nothing. I can't heal a gnat. I couldn't take care of anything in my own strength. But I am never without Jesus. Neither are you. You are now God-possessed, and God placed His raising-from-the-dead power on the inside of you.

- IV. You can make the healing power of God manifest in a person, but there are qualifications.
- A. You can't do it against that person's will.
  - B. You do have to have some degree of faith from the person that you are praying for. But if you can get that person to respond to you, if that person is receptive, you can teach them the Word of God and pray.

*And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.*

Mark 6:5-6, KJV

- C. Sometimes it's the atmosphere around you. You can be in an unbelieving atmosphere. Jesus had to cast out all of the scorners when He raised Jairus's daughter from the dead (Mark 5:22-24 and 35-42).
  - D. You can change the way you are believing. Just keep praying. In times past, when we didn't see immediate results, I'd stand there and believe. I'd encourage the group. We would pray in tongues, and over a period of time, we would see healing come.
  - E. You need to take more responsibility but not total responsibility, because there are multiple things involved.
  - F. Sometimes, a person is just reaping what they've sown. Sometimes, they've allowed an inroad to Satan, and until they repent and turn from that thing, you won't see the manifestation.
  - G. We aren't waiting on God—God is waiting on all of us.
- V. God's already done everything.

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

1 Peter 2:24, KJV

- A. We are the ones who are changing. We can't make God do anything.
- B. Recognize that God put that power on the inside of you. He gave you the command to go heal the sick.

- C. I believe Peter was discerning by the Spirit whether this man was ready—whether he was able to believe and receive his healing.

*Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.*

Acts 3:1-4, KJV

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- D. It's belief that makes healing happen.

- VI. You aren't the power source, but you have control over the power because God has given it to you.

*Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*

Isaiah 45:11, KJV

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- A. When it says “*command ye me*,” that doesn't mean that we can sit there and say, “Jesus, I command You to do this, 'cause I'm greater in authority or power.” No, that would be arrogance. It's like when you turn on the lights. You can command this power. You could go over to the switch and turn lights on and turn them off. You are not the source of the power, but it's at your command.
- B. The healing power of God is at your command. Peter said, “*Such as I have give I thee*,” and they never even prayed a prayer.

*Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.*

Acts 3:6-8, KJV

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- C. You do not have to be an apostle. You do not have to be a miracle-worker. That doesn't have to be your total ministry. If you are a believer, you can do this.

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

John 14:12, KJV

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- D. Peter said it was the name of Jesus and faith in His name that caused this miracle to happen to this man. If you still have the name of Jesus and faith in His name, then you can still see the lame healed exactly the same way.

*And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

Acts 3:16, KJV

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- E. You, as a believer, can do all things. All things are possible to him who believes.

*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

Mark 9:23, KJV

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- VII. God has put some people in the body of Christ who have the gift of miracles and the gifts of healing. It still takes some degree of faith on the recipient's part but much less faith than what is required without those gifts. A person can get healed off of somebody else's faith.

- A. Not many people have those gifts, and it was never intended to be the dominant way that you receive. It's just a temporary, stopgap measure until you can grow and mature yourself.
- B. Just because you get healed, Satan's not going to run up a white flag, run away, and never challenge you again. He will come and try to steal what God has done in your life and get you into doubt and fear. And if the reason you received healing wasn't because you were standing strong and you believed—you just received it through somebody else's faith—that makes you more susceptible to Satan coming back in and taking away that healing.
- C. Satan is trying to gain access to you, and it depends on how you respond. If you don't answer the door, he may hit you with a pain or something like that. But if you say, "No! In the name of Jesus, I will not let this back in," it will leave.

- D. If you're in a position where you don't have enough time to grow, or if things have overwhelmed you, there's nothing wrong with finding somebody who operates in one of these miraculous gifts and using them. But there are drawbacks to receiving that way.
- E. When you drive the demon out of a person, he goes out and looks for another place. If he can't find one, he'll come back and bring seven spirits worse than himself. They'll come back into that place if it is not protected.

*When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.*

Luke 11:24-26, KJV

VIII. God has anointed us. It's already been done. And this anointing doesn't come and go.

*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

2 Corinthians 1:20-22, KJV

- A. You may not be in faith. You may be afraid, but the anointing doesn't leave.

*But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

1 John 2:27, KJV

- B. You shouldn't have to psych yourself up. You ought to realize that you have this anointing abiding on the inside of you.

IX. Sometimes you sense God's presence more than at other times. But in your spirit, you are already the way that you will be in all of eternity. That doesn't fluctuate depending on what you've done or how you feel.

- A. At times, I do feel the power of God just surge through me. But really, it's a greater act of faith when I feel nothing and yet do what God's Word says to do.

X. Ask God to open up your eyes to see that the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead lives in you. Once you get a revelation of this truth, it will make a difference in the way that you minister to people.

A. You don't talk to God about your mountain. You talk to your mountain about God. You take your authority, and you command the power of God to come.

*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

Mark 11:22-23, KJV

B. You have power in your tongue.

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Proverbs 18:21, KJV

C. Use the power that's in your tongue and speak. Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven. You start binding Satan and loosing the power of God, and I guarantee you—His power will flow through you.

*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

Matthew 16:19, KJV