

Lesson 8

Wisdom for Living in Health and Healing

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VIDEO OUTLINE

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

- I. If we're going to walk in healing, then we have to understand the kingdom of God. We have to have wisdom not only to be healed, but also to maintain that healing and walk in the light of that healing.
 - A. Just because we receive a healing doesn't necessarily mean we can maintain it. Just like many people who have received the forgiveness of their sins wind up back in a sin again, some people who have received a healing struggle with that same sickness or disease again. It doesn't mean they weren't healed any more than it means believers who still struggle with sin weren't cleansed and washed of that sin.
 - B. Just because we're healed of something doesn't mean we're not subject to sickness or disease again because we live in a fallen world.
 - C. We have to have knowledge of certain things that are violating kingdom principles, or spiritual laws and creating problems in our lives.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Hosea 4:6

- II. Wisdom is vital, and we can't have wisdom without the Word of God.
 - A. If you want to know truth in regard to God's plan for your life, go to the Word.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

John 17:17

- B. Jesus has brought wisdom to us, and we need to access that wisdom by faith and by diligently searching the Scriptures and knowing the truth.

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:30

- C. If you continue in God's Word, you'll have wisdom and understanding that will make you free from sin, sickness, disease, oppression, and depression.

- D. God wants for you to have the eyes of your understanding opened and enlightened and for you to know His heartbeat, His love for you, and His truth in a way that makes you free.

- III. Prosperity and health are connected to the prosperity of your soul.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 John 2

- A. It is a top priority that you prosper, and prosperity is not limited to just finances.
- B. Many people want to be healed, but they don't want to renew their minds to the Word of God.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

- C. The Word and the wisdom of God sets you free from unforgiveness, bitterness, wrath, anger, and strife. These things in people's hearts open them up to being unhealthy.

For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.

3 John 3

- D. What pleases God is the Word of God working in your heart and in your life.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

3 John 4

- IV. Faith begins and ends where a knowledge of God's Word is acquired.
- A. God's Word is what changes us; God's Word is what cleanses us; God's Word is what brings faith to receive His goodness in our lives.
- V. One of the primary things that a lot of Christians miss is forgiving other people and understanding the wisdom connected with forgiveness.
- A. The church and Paul invoked a form of church discipline on someone who was living in immorality and not willing to deal with it. He repented, and Paul encouraged the Christians to confirm their love for him, to embrace him, to forgive him, and to have compassion on him.

For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

2 Corinthians 2:9

- B. Unforgiveness is a device that Satan uses to steal, kill, and destroy.

Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

- C. Christians today are deceived.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Galatians 6:7-8

- D. God loves you. God doesn't punish you. God doesn't turn on you if you commit a sin. However, sin is deadly and dangerous, and it opens the door for Satan.

The thief 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.

John 10:10

- E. Satan can steal the healing that Jesus has provided for you in His amazing grace if you choose not to forgive.
- F. One of the things that helps you forgive anybody of anything is to turn them over to God. God is a just and righteous God. Vengeance is His, and He will repay.

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:19

- G. There's a difference between forgiving and trusting. There are people I have forgiven who have wronged me deeply, but I don't trust them. I have forgiven them, but wisdom says not to trust them.

VI. We need to avoid the wisdom of man and embrace the wisdom of God.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:13-18

- A. The wisdom of this world is earthly wisdom. It is sensual (of the five senses) and demonic.
- B. Strife is division, discord, unforgiveness, and a form of offense. The devil comes in when there is strife, bitterness, and anger in our hearts and brings every evil work. Sickness and disease are evil works.
- C. Wisdom sows God's will and love in peace, not in anger, wrath, bitterness, self-seeking, or envy.

- D. When you hang on to resentment, it damages you on the inside. God wants you to repent and release it.

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Proverbs 23:7

- E. We have to be a people of forgiveness. We have to see how much God has forgiven us of all of our sins and be quick to forgive others.

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

Hebrews 12:14-15

- F. Any time we're hurt, hurt's not the real issue between us and God and people. Unforgiveness is the issue.

- G. Embrace grace, because you are falling short of grace when you are in unforgiveness.

- VII. The way to bind the devil is to repent of unforgiveness.

- A. I bind the devil by forgiving people because he wants to use unforgiveness as a device against me, and I am wiser than the devil.

- B. When you confess, Satan can't hold that over you anymore.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

- C. God's not holding anything over us, but the devil will.

- D. Be quick to repent and quick to forgive, and watch the health of God spring forth in your heart and in your body.