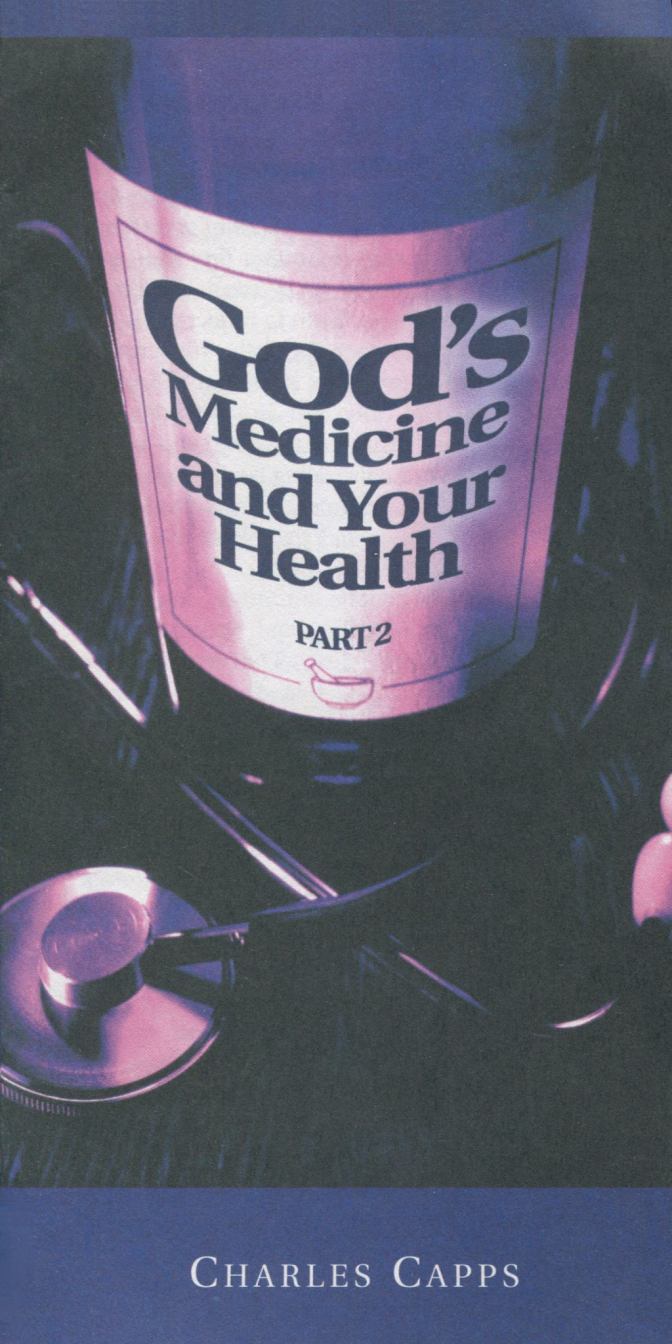


A close-up photograph of a dark-colored mortar and pestle. A white, curved label is affixed to the mortar. The label features the title 'God's Medicine and Your Health' in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title, the words 'PART 2' are printed in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the text is a small, simple line drawing of a mortar and pestle. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the metallic surfaces of the mortar and pestle.

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*My son attend to my words;
incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Let them not depart from thine
eyes; keep them in the midst of
thine heart. For they are life unto
those that find them, and health to
all their flesh. (Proverbs 4:20-22)*

Do you want your flesh to reflect the life of God's Word? If so, then speak the Word until it becomes infused into your spirit and becomes a part of you. Not only will His Word become your thought and affirmation... *but it will be you.* When God's Word concerning healing takes root in your flesh, it becomes greater than pain, greater than disease, and that Word eventually becomes a reality in your flesh.

There is probably no other subject as important to your healing and health than the principle of **Calling Things That Are Not.** We see in Romans 4:17-

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22 that Abraham became fully persuaded that God would do what He had promised. The way he became fully persuaded was by calling those things that not manifest as though they were.

Paul also gives us insight into this principle in I Corinthians 1:27-28:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.

In other words, God uses spiritual forces, which are not seen, to nullify natural things that are seen. This is the Bible principle of Calling Things That Are Not As Though They Were.

When it comes to divine healing this is a vital principle. We should declare to ourselves what God's Word reveals about us, regardless of the circumstances or how we feel about it. In Romans 10:6-8, Paul gives you insight into establishing God's Promises

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in your heart:

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.

Notice, the Word is *first in your mouth* and then in your heart. God's Word becomes engrafted into your heart as you speak it. There is nothing more important to your faith than declaring what God has said about you with your own voice.

God has already given you all things that pertain to life and godliness. These things belong to you.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,

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through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (II Peter 1:2-4)

When you are sick and confess that you are healed by the stripes of Jesus, *you are calling for what God has already given you, even though it is not yet manifest.*

SEEING YOURSELF WHOLE

When the Word of God is engrafted into you, it creates an image of what is already a reality in the spirit realm (by Jesus' stripes you were healed). When you speak that Word from your heart, faith gives substance to the promises of God. Those images become stronger every time you speak your faith.

In II Corinthians chapter 4 Paul gives us insight into why confessing what we believe is so important to our health:

It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' With that

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same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak ... Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day ... So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (II Corinthians 4:13, 16, 18)

There are three important issues in these verses:

1. What you believe, you speak.
2. When you first speak the promise it is unseen, but the healing image is created in you by God's Word and your continual affirmation of agreement with what God has said concerning healing. When that image is perfected in you, then you begin to see yourself well.
3. When the Word is engrafted into your spirit, it infuses God's life into you (John 6:63; Romans 8:11).

That Word engrafted into you

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creates in you an image of what is already a reality in the spirit realm: you are healed by the stripes of Jesus. Then as you speak that Word from your heart, faith gives substance to the promises of God.

This was demonstrated by the woman with the issue of blood, who followed Jesus saying, *“If I may touch his clothes, I shall be whole”* (Mark 5:28). The verb tense is made more clear in The Amplified Bible, which says, *“For she kept saying, if I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health.”*

This woman hoped to be healed as she pressed through the crowd. She continued to speak until she saw herself well. Her hope was that she would be healed, although she didn't feel or look healed. She continued to strengthen her hope with faith-filled words: “I shall be restored to health... I shall be restored to health... I shall be... I shall be....”

I'm sure her head demanded, *“When? You don't look any better.”* She answered human reasoning by speaking the faith image that filled her

heart: *“When I touch His garment, I shall be whole.”*

Those words penetrated her spirit and she began to see herself well. Images of despair and defeat gave way to faith-filled words of healing. When she touched Jesus' garment, her touch of faith made a demand on the covenant of God and the healing anointing which was upon Jesus. Faith gave substance to her hope and healing manifested in her body.

Hope is a goal-setter, but it lacks substance until it is filled with faith. Faith gave substance to her hope and laid claim to what was hers according to the promises of the covenant. Someone said Jesus healed her, but He didn't even know she was there until He felt power flow out of Him. Then Jesus said, *“Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole...”* (verse 34). It was her faith in the covenant that made a demand on the anointing, and healing was the result.

THE LANGUAGE OF HEALTH

The words you speak are vital to your health and well being. I believe

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there are some diseases that will never be cured unless people learn to speak the language of health that the body understands. The language of health is the pure Word of God. It is engrafted into your spirit by giving voice to His promises.

Your words become either a blessing or a curse to you. I am convinced from my study of the Word of God that your own words can change your immune system either for better or worse (See James 3:2-7).

Proverbs 18:21 tells us that *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof”* Several years ago a study of men and women 65 and older were asked to rate their health as excellent, good, fair, and poor.

The study showed that those who rated their health as poor were four to five times more likely to die within four years as those who rated their health as excellent. This was true even when examinations showed the respondents to be in comparable health.

People who have an image of

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themselves being in poor health will talk about poor health; they seem to live out the reality of the image they have of themselves even unto death.

Then on the other hand, I believe that people who continually affirm the Word in faith will build into their immune systems a supernatural anointing that is capable of eliminating sickness and disease in a natural manner. Please don't get the idea that I am against doctors. Thank God for medical science and what they can do today. But there are some things that doctors can't do; they are limited in their ability.

When taught properly and by practicing the principles of God's Word, you can grow in faith to the point where it will be a common thing for you to receive healing through the Word of God. Yet, this doesn't happen overnight. So use common sense and don't do foolish things through spiritual pride and call it faith.

It takes time to develop faith to operate in these principles, so don't let anyone put you under condemnation for

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going to doctors or having an operation. You must operate on your level of faith, but don't stay on that level forever. Continue in God's Word until you develop faith in the healing power of God's Word.

Confess the promises of God's Word concerning your health and healing daily. Confess the Word audibly over your body every day. Voice it with authority. Confessing God's Word is a way you can fellowship with the Lord and increase your faith at the same time.

Your body is listening to you and it will obey you if you believe and doubt not in your heart. Your words have more effect on your body than anyone else's words. Your body was created with the ability to heal itself, and if every part functions properly, it will. Some sickness is caused by a chemical imbalance in the body, and the part of the brain that controls the speech also controls the secretion of chemicals to the body. This sheds some more light on what Jesus said in Mark 11:23, “... *he shall have whatsoever he saith.*”

CALL YOUR BODY HEALTHY

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The one mistake that so many Christians make is that they call things that are, the way they are. By doing this, they are establishing the present condition or circumstance in their heart and mind, and also in their body.

Your body will respond to the demands of the human spirit. If you feed the spirit man God's Word, it will make demands on the flesh to line up with the Word of God.

When you exercise, you demand more energy from your body. The heart beats faster and more blood flow brings more oxygen to body cells, and your body responds to your demands in a natural manner. But *you* must make the demand on it *before* it will respond. Even your dog or your cat will respond to the command of your voice. *How much more shall your body respond to the demands made upon it by the Word of God spoken out of your mouth?* The truth is, your body always responds to your words in some manner, either for better or worse. So choose your words carefully.

Take God's Word on a regular

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basis, just as you would take any other medicine. God's medicine is life to you and health to all your flesh and there are no harmful side effects.

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