

MINISTRY MODEL

(Five Step Ministry Model)

God's guidance is one of the many promises made to us in His word. When we ask for God's help, when we pray for others, we should ask and *expect* an answer. The following model for ministry is one way of asking for God's help (and interacting with His responses to our prayers) as we minister to those in need.

I. STEP ONE: The Interview . . . "What do you want me to pray for?"

A. Introduction

1. Even before a time of ministry, be asking God for his authority, power and guidance. Ask Him to connect you to those He would have you pray for.
2. If at all possible, begin by introducing yourself to the person you will be praying for. If the person is already engaged with the Lord, this step may have to be delayed but try to make the person feel comfortable from the start.
3. Ask the person what their need is, where it hurts, what the problem or issue might be.
4. Their prayer need may (a) come from their answer and/or (b) the Holy Spirit's leading while your listening to the person's answer.

B. Gather Information That May Help You Pray For Them

1. You may want to start by asking the person, "Tell me a little about the situation, what's going on".
2. Listen to the Holy Spirit: Ask God, "Lord, is there anything I should know at this time from you about this situation?"
3. Note: Large amounts of medical history or other detailed information isn't always that helpful.

C. Interview is Complete When:

You know what the need is and have a direction to pray.

Note: If you do not have a specific leading from the Lord on how to pray for the person or situation, pray according to the person's request and see if God gives you additional information as you continue praying. Don't be afraid to begin praying. You don't have to make things happen (you can't make things happen). You *can* rely on God to do what He wants to do.

II. STEP TWO: The Diagnostic Decision . . . “What kind of prayer do we need to pray?”

A. Physical Source

- Disease, injury, accident, etc.

B. Emotional

- Emotional scarring or trauma

C. Unresolved Sin

- Sinful activities: immorality, stealing, dishonesty, etc.
- Unforgiveness
- Bitterness

D. Demonic Activity (what is the origin of the activity...where is this coming from?)

- Unrepentant sinful activity
- Result of previous sin (something done against you or of your own volition)
- Result of trauma (may not be known to the conscious mind)
- Result of witchcraft (curses, vows, etc.)
- Note: Keep your eyes open. See what the Spirit is doing. Protect the dignity of the person at all times. Remember, demons love to attract attention to themselves, distracting and/or embarrassing.

III. STEP THREE: The prayer. . . “How do we pray?”

A. Prayer Directed Toward God (asking God to do something)

- Petition - “Lord, help!” Ask for more of God’s help for the situation
- Intercession - Praying in tongues when you don’t know what else to pray
- Forgiveness - Have the person to confess and ask God for forgiveness of sin(s)

B. Prayer From God (telling the spirit or condition to do something)

1. Command(s) of faith
 - “I break the power of this disease!”
 - “Stop it!”
 - “In the Name of Jesus, I rebuke you, evil spirit!”
 - “I command you to stop _____!” (binding & loosening, expulsing)
2. Pronouncement (need to be *careful* here)
 - “The Lord has healed you!”

C. The Prayer (how to)

1. Scripture commands we lay hands on one another, but, we.....
 - Need to be careful in cross-gender praying
 - Need to be sensitive to prayees history (i.e., abuse, molestation, etc.)
 - Need to have appropriate boundaries (physical, emotional, spiritual)
2. Invite the Holy Spirit Presence into prayer time.
 - Observe person being prayed for...look to see what the Father is doing and stay focused on the person being prayed for.
 - “Listen” for prayer direction from Holy Spirit (e.g., Words of Knowledge or Wisdom, gifts operating here)
 - Note: Be careful about saying, “God says.” Couch your *words* with cautionary phrases like, “I believe the Lord is saying _____;” or “Does this mean anything to you (then give word for what you are seeing or feeling or sensing from God)?”
3. Pray for person.
 - Remember, you are *fighting* for the person you are praying for.
 - Speak out what you’re getting from God for the person....risk take.

IV. STEP FOUR: In process . . . ‘How are we doing?’

A. What’s happening to the person? Can you see any visible effects caused by the Holy Spirit *or* by the presence of other spiritual influences?

- Visible effects of the Holy Spirit’s presence on the person: warmth in specific areas, tingling, heat, shaking, deep breathing, laughter, peace, etc.
- Visible effects of other spiritual entities: physical contortions, choking, muscular tightening, unusual coughing, unnatural sleepiness, confusion, etc.

B. Ask questions

1. What is going on?
2. Do you feel anything or sense anything?

C. Feel free to shift direction or emphasis. You may need to:

1. Pray again
2. End the process
3. Change directions
4. Pray for another need(s)

D. Prayer may end when:

1. The person senses (or says) it’s over
2. When you sense (by the Spirit) it’s over

3. When you feel you have no more to pray
 - Note: Don't feel like it is more holy to pray for long periods of time...God can work very quickly. But don't rush the process...if God continues to give revelation, authority or power, go with what God is doing.

E. Be aware of where the person may be in their own healing process.

1. They may have just started the process of healing (seeding)
2. They may be in the middle of the process (watering)
3. Or, they may be at the end of process (reaping)...consequences?

V. STEP FIVE: Post prayer direction . . . ‘What should happen now?’

A. Possible suggestions to furthering the healing process:

1. Encourage person to be in an attitude of continuing to receive from God. The person can expect to continue to receive God's love, grace and mercy as outlined in scripture. Encourage them to not listen to the enemy's lies anymore, turn from sin (if relevant) and continue to review God's promises.
2. Spend regular time in worship and developing intimate relationship with the Father through bible reading, prayer and meditation.
3. Practice speaking in tongues and singing in the Spirit
4. Share life and process with a close accepting friend
5. Trust in God
6. Remember that growth, health, forgiveness and recovery are a process

B. Proper referral may also be needed

1. Small groups to facilitate intimacy and relationship
2. Refer to counseling with discretion
3. Classes that deal with specific needs
4. Training Center classes
5. If new Christian, get them involved in new believer's process
6. Get them involved in church life

C. Reassurance if no apparent healing has taken place. Encourage them in God's love and faithfulness for them. Do not discount the possibility of a delayed response.

D. Offer future prayer

Physical Healing

I. general information

A. Definition: Restoring and changing the physical conditions of the body so it may function properly, as God planned.

B. Physical conditions that need healing can be the result of:

1. **Being part of a fallen world, natural illness**
2. **Emotional hurts**
3. **Psychological (mental) issues**
4. **Generational sin** John 9:2
5. **Chemical imbalances, dependencies, addictions**
6. **Demonic activity** Matthew 17:18
7. **Sin** John 5:5, 5:14

C. Can WE heal the sick?

1. **No** not by our own abilities.
2. **Yes...but ONLY with God's help** Mark 16:14-20 *“And these signs will accompany those who believe: they will drive out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up snakes with their hands, when they drink deadly poison it will not hurt them at all, they will place their hands on the sick and they will get well. After the Lord Jesus had spoken, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs and wonders that accompanied it.”*
3. **Jesus' teaching model**
 - a) **Proclamation** - he preached repentance & the Good News
 - b) **Demonstration** - he cast out demons, healed the sick, raised the dead
4. **Others followed His model** (3 waves...apostles, apostles' followers, all of us)
 - a) Disciples in Acts followed the model
 - b) Stephen, Philip, Ananias followed and weren't Apostles
 - c) Barnabas, Silas, & Timothy
 - d) Others in scripture & historic church followed his commissioning

II. Examples of healing

A. Old Testament

1. II Kings 5:1-16 Naaman healed of leprosy
2. Others: Gen. 20:17, 2 Chron. 30:20, Ps. 30:2

B. New Testament

1. Nearly one fifth of the four Gospels is devoted to Jesus' ministry
 - a) 727 verses relate specifically to physical or mental healing or raising from the dead.
 - b) 31 additional verses reference miracles that included healings
2. Leprosy Matthew 8:1-4
3. Centurion's servant Matthew 8:5-13
4. Blind and mute Matthew 9:27-30
5. Heals the sick Matthew 4:23-24

C. Do all get healed? Jesus' Model

1. **Jesus healed all who asked** Matthew 8:16
2. **But Jesus didn't heal everyone who needed healing** Man at pool of Bethesda John 5:1-9
 - **There is a time for everything** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 - **Its in God's hands**...we can only do what the Father is doing John 5:19 *Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*
 - **Go and sin no more** John 5:1-14 Man at pool of Bethesda (especially John 5:14 *"Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."*)
 - **You can only go as far as the person will allow.** Sometimes they can stop the process through fear, unforgiveness, etc.

III. Aspects of healing

- A. Faith** - Faith is not based on logical proof, evidence, or in the truth or trustworthiness of a person. Faith *is* belief and trust in Jesus and His desire to heal Hebrews 13:8
1. Matthew 7:7-12 Ask and believe
 2. Examples of faith
 - a) Centurion - faith for another's healing Matthew 8:5-13
 - b) Dead girl and sick woman - for daughter and self Matt 9:18-26
 - c) Blind and mute - faith in Jesus Matthew 9-27-29
 - d) Canaanite woman - mother's faith Matthew 15:21-28
 3. John 14:12-14 We will do greater works
 4. Examples of the effect of lack of faith:
 - a) Boy with demon - lack of faith by disciples Matthew 17:14-21
 - b) Jairus' daughter - Lack of faith of on-lookers Luke 8:51-56
 - c) General disbelief - Lack of faith in those who know you Matt. 13:53-58

B. Holy Spirit (The Holy Spirit leads us to do the works of Jesus)

1. **At Jesus' death, the Holy Spirit came to give us leading and power to continue His work John 16:5-15** (especially John 16:13 "*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*")
2. **Example of Holy Spirit in action:**
 - **Acts 3:1-10** Peter & John at Gate Beautiful (especially Acts 3:6 "*Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."*)
 - **Acts 20:7-12** Paul's prayer brings Eutychus back from the dead

IV. FAITH IN ACTION - "DOING THE STUFF"

A. First, Things That Hinder Us From Doing The Stuff:

1. **Fear:** Our own fears...we are our own worst enemy when we give into our fears
 - a) Fear of making a mistake
 - b) Fear of looking foolish
 - c) Fear of being rejected
 - d) Fear of failure...no power/no results
 - Proverbs 29:25 "*the fear of man brings a snare but he who trusts in God will be exalted*"
 - 1 John 4:18 "*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*"
2. **Incorrect Theology:** Unbelief based on whether God still acts today. Dispensationalism...Gifts ceased with death of Apostles.
3. **Personal Sin: separates us from God**

B. Second, Be A Learner

1. **Follow role models** (see it) "It's more *caught* than *taught*" JRW
2. **Gather information** from all kinds of reputable sources: leaders, Bible, classes, seminars (hear it)
3. **If you have doubts....ask questions** (try it)
4. **Practice...**keep praying, join yourself with others to pray, stay accountable...share successes and discouragements with each other (do it)
 - Do not get discouraged, you *will* see God work if you *persevere*...if you don't try, you'll never see it happen.
 - Note: The gift of healing is FOR the person being prayed for, not for us.

C. Third, Listen For God's Voice

1. **We cannot accept responsibility for results, good or bad.** Caution: be careful not take people's praise...it's God who does the healing and should get the glory!!!!
2. **The Spirit will make it known to you** - words of knowledge, pictures, manifestations John 16:15

3. Desire the gifts - they are tools to assist I Corinthians 12:31a

D. Fourth, Be Risk-takers... “Just do it”...“the meat is in the street”

1. This is the willingness to fail
2. Be bold, trusting God for the information
3. Step out into the realm of depending on God, give up control