

The Counter Attack.

"I thought I was healed, I'm sick again.

What happened to my healing?"

Most people have once been healed or have seen someone healed of some sort of thing or disease but later to find that the very same sickness, symptoms returned, or even another disease. Many people have no concept of a counter attack from the devil. They think that once they are healed, there is nothing else to do. I beg to differ. I believe there is a lot more to do.

It is possible to be healed and yet fall sick again and so because of this some have turned on God, men, and women of God, Christians, the Bible, and they say it is all not genuine. Little do they know that there are certain things that we must do to remain in or retain that healing. God supplied the healing, but Satan does not want you healed, and he will fight to see you fall sick again. This is a spiritual warfare. We are in a warfare, not a vacation. There are certain things that we can do to ensure that we do not lose or allow the previous sickness to return not even a new one to enter our bodies.

God's word is clear that Satan is the one responsible for stealing, killing, and destroying (John 10:10). It is not God who does all these things to His children. If God were a human,

in many people's perception he could not survive jail because of the way He mistreats His kids. That would be the wrong picture of God. God is a good God and Satan is a bad devil. Period. God wants you well, Satan wants you sick (Acts 10:38).

It's our responsibility to keep the switch turned on and not let anyone walk in and turn the lights off.

Matthew 12:43-45 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.⁴⁴ Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.⁴⁵ Then goeth he, and taketh with himself 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. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

- a) The unclean spirit is one that causes sickness and disease.
- b) This spirit is cast out of a man (Healing happens)
- c) This spirit goes around looking for a new place of rest (1 Peter 5:8) and when it cannot find one. This spirit returns to its previous residence.
- d) Notice that this spirit refers to your body as it is "house" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- e) "When he comes" Notice the use of the word "when". It did not say IF but WHEN. This is saying that Satan will try to return. It is just a matter of time.
- f) Jesus clearly warns us that there will be a counterattack from Satan after the demon is cast out or after we receive our healing which will be even worse than the previous

experience. The verses clearly say that the evil will go and take seven more spirits or sicknesses that are even fiercer than the previous one.

g) We should not stay empty. We need to close our house (body) that was inhabited by the devil before deliverance and fill it such that when the evil spirit tries to return, there is no room for it to dwell. Your body which was its former "house" will no longer be its house.

i) This is not to say that we should be believing for the devil to counter attack or living in fear but we must take certain steps to stop it from ever happening again.

ii) The enemy will come back knocking on your door ("his house") and if it is empty, he will seek to enter again.

Some of the ways we can stop a counterattack

A. Submit to God

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

a) Submit to God

i) The word "submit" simply means to be subordinate to or to be subject to. If you do not submit to God, you cannot resist the devil. If you are on the same side with the devil, you cannot fight him nor resist him. It just will not work. So, the first step to one of the things you can do to ensure you retain your healing is to submit to God.

- ii) Submitting to God will involve submitting to His Word because God and His Word are One.

b) Resist the Devil.

- i) The word "resist" here is not a onetime thing that we do. This word "resist" denotes an active continuous act. This is not talking about being passive. Passiveness is the weapon of the devil he uses to destroy people.

- ii) It is saying we must continuously actively fight against the devil. I know it is bad news for those of you who wanted to totally do nothing.

- iii) One of the things that you want to do to continue to walk in the healing you received and good health thereafter is to continuously fight against, resist all enemy. Matthew 11:12 "...kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

□ Smith Wigglesworth was known for resisting the devil and he saw tremendous results and testimonies.

- iv) We need to get angry at what I call the S3 (sickness, Satan, and sin) and all the evil he is doing to us and others. The truth is you cannot truly fight against that which you hate not. Ephesians 4: 26-27 "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

- v) When we resist the devil, what are we resisting? We have to resist all the attributes of the devil such as stealing, killing, destruction, sickness, disease, sin, poverty, on and on the list goes.

vi) When you get any symptoms of what you experienced before, you do not sit there and do nothing. You should speak back to those symptoms (Mark 11:14) that are speaking to you and command them to leave. You must do something. Speak the word (promises of God), Rebuke them in Jesus' Name and say no to those symptoms or whatever sickness or disease that is trying to return.

□ Do not agree with those pains or symptoms however comfortable they may feel to you. If you give the devil an inch, rest assured he will take a mile. Now all that is what I call resisting the devil.

c) Feeling Vs Believing

i) Do not go with what you feel. Feelings fluctuate. They are never constant nor consistent. Feelings are the wrong thing to base your faith on. They are a fact, not the absolute truth.

ii) Do not let feeling lead but what you believe. Stand on God's promises no matter how you feel.

iii) Example: We sometimes have thoughts as to whether we are saved, but we do not let those feelings and thoughts rule because we are assured of what the Word says, but when it comes to healing when we experience those very similar thoughts and feelings in our physical body, we immediately discard or forget what we believe and what the word teaches about healing. Why is it? We should stand firm in our healing even as we do in our salvation (forgiveness of sins).

□ Do not ask your body if you are healed. Walk by faith regardless of how the body responds.

iv) Although the devil has been defeated, he is not dead. He is still going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8 and John 10:10).

B. God's Word

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32

a) The number one thing we can do is to fill ourselves with the Word of God. We must study God's Word and be so grounded in it that we cannot be shaken by an attack of the enemy.

i) God's Word is the best weapon against the enemy (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12) and his tools such as sickness and disease. We must know it and believe it.

b) I believe one of the main reasons people lose their healing or sickness keeps lingering around their doorstep is because many people and believers do not know the Word of God—at least personally.

i) They are dependent on someone else to tell them what it teaches and says.

ii) They are not disciples of God's word. Such are susceptible to various attacks and counterattacks from the enemy and the result is a loss of their healing.

c) You do not keep your healing by the gifts of the spirit (working of miracles, the gifts of healing, etc.) You can receive it by the gifts, but you cannot keep it by the gifts.

i) You keep it by maturing in the knowledge and revelation of the word of God and faith.

ii) Begin to study and grow in God's word. This is the best means and the most consistent.

iii) We have to learn to be healed based on God's word more than the gifts of the Spirit operating in another person's life.

iv) Again, the best way to receive and retain healing is through the Word of God that we feed ourselves and grow into not through the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8-12).

□ I am not diminishing the gifts of the Spirit, but I am saying that the best way is for us to learn and receive directly through the word.

d) Continuous freedom does not come by the gifts of the spirit but directly by and through the word of God and the revelation of His word to you. You cannot live your life off the gifts of the Spirit. You must graduate to a place where you know God's word for yourself and you can draw and receive healing from it by yourself, one on one with the Holy Spirit. God designed us to live life on nothing else but God's word (Matthew 4:4). Do you know God's word? Do you know His promises to you concerning healing? Do you know His will for you? What healing verses are you standing on? Uh, how many?

e) There might have been a miraculous shortcut to supernatural healing—Praise the Lord. I am for it all day but that is not the way you will keep your healing and stop a counter attack from Satan.

i) There is an effort required on your part to continue to walk in healing.

ii) We walk by faith every day of our lives (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11).

iii) We never quit faith nor go on a vacation from faith. We must step out in faith concerning healing just as we do to receive salvation. There is no exception to walking in or using faith.

f) God's word is the seed that we must plant into our hearts, watering it with faith to the point that when a counterattack from the enemy ever comes, we can stand and resist.

Talked out

a) Some people who were once healed were talked out of their healing, so they lost what God had done in their lives. They allowed the enemy to come in and steal the word (Mark 4:15-17).

b) Because of a lack of maturity and depth into God's Word, they were deceived by someone and what they had was lost or stolen by the enemy. If you have been healed of anything before, you will realize that not everyone is happy about it. This underscores the need to study God's word and move on to become mature and disciples not just babes or

converts. Babes and coverts are the greatest prey for the enemy.

- c) Study and grow in the area of healing that you have received. This will help you minimize or stop any counterattacks.
- d) Do not get mad at the preacher. Do not get mad at God.
- e) Get mad at the real thief-Satan and take back your healing. You can still be healed again. Do not give up hope. After you receive your healing, move on, and hide God's word in your heart, renew your mind (Romans 12:1-2), and keep what God has given or done for you.
- f) If Satan (enemy) can still the Word out of your heart, he can still your miracle or healing.

C. Change of Doctrine

- a) Sometimes we start off believing the right thing but end up in the weeds believing the wrong thing.
 - i) If you change what you believe about healing to something false, rest assured that the devil will come in and counterattack easily. You will lose your healing or something else will come on you. You do not want that.
- b) We have to continue in the teachings of healing, grace, and faith, and so forth.
- c) Let us take an example here, if you quit believing that it is God's will to heal us all the time, how will you retain your healing. We cannot be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine and expect to walk in the victory that we had earlier.

- We need to continue in the Word (John 8:31-32) and get grounded even deeper.

d) Wrong teaching= wrong believing= wrong results.

D. Change of lifestyle

Romans 6:16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

- The way we live our lives speaks of who we are truly yielded and submitted to.

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

a) Certain lifestyles such as deception, homosexuality, adultery, fornication to name but a few are not lifestyles that resist the devil but invite the devil.

i) Living this kind of way is not submitting to God and it takes away our high ground of resisting the devil.

ii) How do you resist that which you are submitted to? Some lifestyles invite certain sicknesses back. We must watch the way we live lest we let the devil back into our lives.

b) In John 5, Jesus healed a man at the Pool of Bethesda, and when he found the man later in the temple, He told him to "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. John 5:14.

i) Jesus was not prophesying doom but was warning the man to change his way of life or not return to the old way of life.

- ii) If we do not change, we will be an easy target for the enemy. We will be attacked by sickness and disease to name but a few.

E. Still, attacked?

Sometimes you have done all that you know to do but for some reason, you lose your healing. This is possible but the way to fight back is the same.

- a) Take the Word of God, resist the devil, check what you believe, check your lifestyle.
- b) It is time to get your guns out not because you are believing for the thief to break in but to be ready to fire should he break-in.
- c) Do the training required to keep yourself sharp, alert, and to master your weapon so that if a counterattack ever comes, you can run the devil and his demon midgets off.
- d) Your body is no longer "his house" (Matthew 12:44). It is no longer empty but filled with the power, the presence of God, and the Word of God. There is no room for the devil.
- e) Once more, if you ever get healed by the gifts of the Spirit (Healings and miracles etc.) continue or start to study and mature in the word of God. Renew your mind and prepare yourself to fight back should the devil ever come back knocking on your door.

Contrary to what some think, the enemy will possibly try to attack again. He may try to throw symptoms of what you were healed from back at you at some point. I know a friend called Kurt who flows in the gifts of healing in a mighty way. He sees blind eyes open, legs grow out, cancers gone, and so forth but one day after doing exploits for the kingdom, he was attacked by

the devil in the very same area in which he was healed and had experienced victory. He had to believe God again and run the devil off standing in the promise that he was already healed. Additionally, I gave a scripture with the emphasis that the affliction shall not arise the second time. Nahum 1:9 "What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time."

Conclusion:

Learn to keep what you get.

- a) Everything you get, you must learn how to keep. The primary way to do so is by faith and the word of God.
- b) We can lose what we have received from the Lord (John 5: 14).
 - i) Therefore, the best form of deliverance and healing is through the Word of God inside a person not through the gifts of healing of another person.
 - ii) The Word is health to all our flesh (Proverbs 4:22).
 - iii) You can still go and receive from someone with the supernatural gifts of healing and miracles in operation. There is a place for the supernatural gifts of miracles and healing.
- c) Although it is important to go by what you believe not by what you see, ignoring the physical is not faith.

d) In Mark 8:22-25, Jesus ignored not the physical but instead responded in faith.

i) Every time we respond to a situation, it should be in faith.

ii) Jesus responded again to a situation the second time but in faith not in doubt.

iii) Jesus was not praying (petitioning) for this man the second time to cause healing to occur that had not occurred yet.

☐ He was just adding another dose of His power in faith.

☐ He was not doing it to move God but to move the devil!

iv) Do not give up because something has not manifested or "worked out" the first time.

e) Learn to exalt and speak the truth above the facts.

i) The truth of God's Word supersedes and trumps the facts. We need to learn to speak God's Word in our lives rather than the facts of the doctor.

ii) Facts do not carry the final authority unless we let them—God's Word does.

iii) A negative report or the first report is not the final report.

I recommend a book called Your healing door by Pastor Greg Mohr.

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