

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF MIRACLE HEALERS

1. There are a variety of people claiming to do supernatural healing
 - a. Evangelical faith healers
 - b. Psychic healers and witch doctors
 - c. People with lucky charms and magic potions
2. There are several possible explanations for the healing that sometimes occurs
 - a. Divine healing by God
 - b. Deception and trickery by the healer
 - c. Positive thinking by the patient removing a psychosomatic (mind induced) disability
 - d. Demonic power working through the healer
3. All modern healing claims should be tested by the Biblical pattern for divine healing
 - a. Bible miracles healed immediately
 - b. Bible miracles never failed to work
 - c. Bible miracles provided a complete healing
 - d. Bible miracles were not limited by tough cases
 - 1) God's healers could take on any kind of sickness or disability they encountered
 - 2) They could even raise the dead
 - e. Bible miracles were used in an evangelism context
 - 1) The gift of healing was used by the apostles when they first carried out the great commission (Mark 16:15-20)
 - 2) There is no New Testament example of the gift of healing being used in a church worship service

- f. Bible miracles always accompanied a pure preaching of God's Word
 - g. Bible miracles were intended to glorify God and Christ, and not the miracle-worker (Acts 3:12-16)
4. Christians are advised to stay away from all forms of miracle healings even if they might work
 - a. If the healer also teaches false doctrine, we do not want to condone the false teaching by our presence
 - b. If it is possible the healer is using occult powers, we have been commanded to stay away (Deut. 18:9-13)
 - c. No amount of healing is worth compromising our relationship with God and jeopardizing our eternal destiny (Matt. 5:29-30)
 5. Christians can still seek God's healing touch through prayer
 - a. We have been instructed to take our concerns directly to God through prayer (Jas. 5:14-18)
 - b. We do not need the services of a modern day miracle-worker