

Why People Get Sick (Part 3)

6. Familiarity

A) Familiarity with Spiritual Principles

2 Kings 5:19-27

¹⁹“Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had travelled some distance, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. ²²“Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent[d] of silver and two sets of clothing.’” ²³“By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. ²⁵When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. ²⁶But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

Have you become too familiar with any biblical principle? For example, the Bible says that no flesh shall boast in His presence but you are still proud in His presence. Do you still lie to your spouse or your pastors? You have been a believer for a long time but have become casual about the truth from the Word. Gehazi had spent so much time with Elisha and should have known better.

According to Tamuldic teaching Gehazi and his sons were the lepers that saved Israel from the Aramean siege. We see that perhaps God healed Gehazi at some point because he ended up in the Kings presence in chapter 8 which would not have happened if he was still a leper.

B) Familiarity with Spiritual leaders

Numbers 12:1-16 (ERV)

¹Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses. They criticized him because he married an Ethiopian^[a] woman. ²They said to themselves, “Moses is not the only one the Lord has used to speak to the people. He has also spoken through us!” The Lord heard this. ³(Moses was a very humble man. He was more humble than any other man on earth.) ⁴So suddenly, the Lord came and spoke to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. He said, “You three, come to the Meeting Tent, now!” So Moses, Aaron, and Miriam went to the Tent. ⁵The Lord came down in the tall cloud and stood at the entrance to the Tent. He called out, “Aaron and Miriam!” They went to him. ⁶God

said, "Listen to me! You will have prophets. I, the Lord, will let them learn about me through visions. I will speak to them in dreams. ⁷But Moses is not like that. He is my faithful servant—I trust him with everyone in my house. ⁸When I speak to him, I talk face to face with him. I don't use stories with hidden meanings—I show him clearly what I want him to know. And Moses can look at the very image of the Lord. So why were you brave enough to speak against my servant Moses?" ⁹The Lord was very angry with them, and he left them. ¹⁰The cloud rose from the Tent. Aaron turned and looked at Miriam. Her skin was white like snow—she had a terrible skin disease! ¹¹Then Aaron said to Moses, "Please, sir, forgive us for the foolish sin that we did. ¹²Don't let her lose her skin like a baby who is born dead." (Sometimes a baby will be born like that, with half of its skin eaten away.) ¹³So Moses prayed to the Lord, "God, please heal her from this sickness!" ¹⁴The Lord answered Moses, "If her father spit in her face, she would be shamed for seven days. So put her outside the camp for seven days. After that she can come back into the camp." ¹⁵So they took Miriam outside the camp for seven days. And the people did not move from that place until she was brought in again. ¹⁶After that the people left Hazeroth and travelled to the desert of Paran where they set up camp.

2 Kings 2:23-25

²³From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. "Get out of here, baldy!" they said. "Get out of here, baldy!" ²⁴He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. ²⁵And he went on to Mount Carmel and from there returned to Samaria.

C) Familiarity with Spiritual Sacraments

1 Cor 11:27-30

²⁷So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgement on themselves. ³⁰That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

D) Familiarity with counterfeit spiritual power

1 Chron 10:13

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD and even consulted a medium for guidance

Leviticus 19:31

"Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 20:6

"I will set my face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people.

Rev 21:8

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death."

The devil does not do anything that results in goodness that lasts.

The same demon that brought about sickness can hide it for a season.

Jude 1:8-10

⁸In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. ⁹But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"^[d] ¹⁰Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them.

There are many needless casualties of war today because many engage in warfare that they have not been assigned.

7. Resistance to God's agenda

Acts 13:6-12

⁶They travelled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰"You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Be careful that you do not resist God's agenda in a church or an individual.

8. Self-Praise

Acts 12:21-23

²¹On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. ²²They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." ²³Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

Dan 4:25-35

²⁵You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.” ²⁸All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³²You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. ³⁴At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honoured and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. ³⁵All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”

What you do with the praise from man can determine whether you will be struck down or not.

Acts 12:22-23

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Crafted Prayer

Digestive System Illnesses

Father we pray for those with any type of gastrointestinal disorders. We declare that everything is normalised right now in the name of Jesus. We come against swallowing difficulties, heartburn, nausea, changes in bowel habits, rectal

bleeding, constipation, diarrhoea, blood in stool, jaundice and any kind of abdominal pain.

I come against all challenges associated with the upper abdominal region.

I come against GERD (Gastroesophageal reflux disease). We come against this frequent acid reflux. We resist this backflow of stomach acid or bile into the oesophagus. We speak order to any lower oesophageal sphincter abnormalities. We speak order to all the things that might have contributed to this sickness. We speak order to hiatal hernia. We speak order to any abnormal oesophageal contractions. We declare that the emptying of the stomach will not be slow or prolonged in Jesus' name.

We come against Peptic Ulcers. We come against any bacterium in the intestinal lining in Jesus' name. We speak to any inflammation and command you to go down in Jesus' name. We speak healing to you right now. We declare an ease coming to your body now. The burning stomach pain is going, the bloated feeling and constant belching is going. Fatty food intolerance is disappearing now in Jesus' name. Heartburn, nausea, vomiting blood, trouble breathing is all going in Jesus' name. You will no longer feel faint. You will not have unexplained weight loss. You will not develop gall stones in Jesus' name.

We command Gastritis to go. We come against any injury to the mucus lining of the stomach and speak healing in the name of Jesus. We speak wholeness where this has been caused by stress, alcohol abuse, chronic vomiting and allergies. You are being made whole right now in Jesus' name.

We come against Gastroparesis and declare that your stomach will not take too long to empty. We come against any delayed gastric emptying and declare that your system is normalised in Jesus' name. We speak healing to you whether the cause is idiopathic (unknown) or related to diabetes or post-surgical. There is nothing too big for God.

I pray against gall stones (both cholesterol stones and pigment stones) and declare that there will not be too much cholesterol in your bile. I pray that your bile dissolves the cholesterol. I pray that no extra cholesterol will form stones. I come against any pigment stones. There will not be too much bilirubin in your bile. Your liver will not make too much bilirubin in Jesus' name. I speak order. Your gall bladder will empty all the way. These gall stones will not block your bile ducts anymore. The pain is going now in Jesus' name.

I come against all challenges associated with the lower abdominal region.

I pray for those with Celiac disease. I come against this autoimmune disorder in Jesus' name. Your body will no longer have an extreme reaction to foods containing gluten. I speak to the diarrhoea, the gas, the bloated feeling, and the fatigue and declare you healed and whole.

We pray for those with Diverticular disease. I pray for your digestive lining and come against any infected bulging pouches in Jesus' name.

We pray for those that are struggling with Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Remove the cramping and the diarrhoea and the inflammation. Go to the root of this problem by your Spirit we ask. For those with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) we

pray for a normalising of the muscles and nerves working in the digestive system. We speak to any issues in diet or stress that may be contributing to this in Jesus' name. We come against constipation, gas and mucus in the stool. We declare that you are healed and this is a thing of the past. I also come against any mood disorder contributing to IBS and declare that this is dealt with too in Jesus' name.