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We have many different opinions and views on healing:

- It's done away with/not for today.
- It's not always God's will.
- Sometimes sickness is God's way of teaching you something or refining your character.
- It's always God's will that you be healed and walk in health.

There are two fundamental beliefs we must understand regarding sickness.

First, God is not the origin of sickness.

If the origin of sickness is God, on what day did God create it? When did He say, "Let there be sickness"? When did He say, "Let there be cancer"?

Second, sickness is a result of sin.

Romans 5:12 (ESV) - ¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

Death entered the world through the open door of sin. Sickness is a form of death because death is loss of life.

John 10:10 (ESV) - ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
Before sin, there was no sickness.

Do the results of sickness match what Jesus came to give us?

God is not the origin of sickness. Sin is the origin of sickness. We are NOT saying all your sicknesses are linked to one of your specific sins

The Word of God is Medicine.

Proverbs 4:20-22 (NLT) - ²⁰ My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. ²¹ Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, ²² for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.

Proverbs 3:7-8 (NLT) - ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

⁸ Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

All the words of God are healing words.

If a man and a woman obey God's Word to not have sex outside marriage, they cannot catch an STD.

If you see the principle in scripture of a Sabbath rest and honor that, you will not be overworked and compromise your immune system.

If you act on the Word of God to cast all of your cares upon Him because He cares for you, you will not be stressed out and compromise your immune system.

Stay open in your heart as you are believing for healing (or any other area).

A key to your healing or receiving may actually be found in a different Word than the explicit "healing scriptures"

This is not to minimize "Healing Scriptures". Listen to them, think them, speak them, but stay open in your heart to whatever God wants to speak to you through His Word or by His Spirit.

On an individual, case-by-case basis, different medicines are needed for different issues. The same is true about God's Word.

All the Word of God is good, life-giving, and healing. However, on an individual, case-by-case basis, there may be specific Words of God that you need to believe or act on in order to receive healing (or any other area).

Here are some bodily healing medicine scriptures:

Isaiah 53:3-5 (NIV) – ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering [pains], and familiar with pain [sickness]. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain [sickness] and bore our suffering [pains], yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 8:2-4 (NLT) - ² Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."
³ Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

Psalms 103:2-3 (NLT) - ² Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. ³ He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

James 5:14-15 - ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.