



Sermon Series: 16 Fundamental Truths

Message Title: Truth #11—The Ministry & Truth #12—Divine Healing

What are the 16 Fundamental Truths?

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TRUTH #11 - The MINISTRY

An important New Testament teaching is “**the priesthood of all believers.**” All spirit-filled believers in a local Pentecostal assembly should be prompted by the Spirit to minister to or build up the rest of the Body in some way. Since believers must be [disciplined & equipped to love & serve](#), God made provision for spiritual leaders within the Body to teach & guide the congregation to SERVE both [within & outside](#) the local church.

Ephesians 4:11-12 — **11** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, **12** to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up,

Apostles — was used in the NT in a [general sense](#) for a commissioned representative of a church, such as a messenger appointed & sent as a missionary or for some other special responsibility (**Acts 14:4, 14; Romans 16:7; 2 Corinthians 8:23; Philippians 2:25**).

Prophets — in the NT were spiritual leaders who were uniquely gifted in receiving & communicating direct revelation from God by the prompting of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:17; 4:8; 21:4**).

Evangelists — provide an important role by demonstrating how to evangelize through their passion for the lost, purity in doctrine, & operating with the gifts of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 8; Rom 1:16-17**).

Pastors — devote themselves to oversee & care for the spiritual needs of a local congregation. They must exercise [leadership in the local church](#) (**1 Thessalonians 5:12; 1 Timothy 3:1-5**) & [be an example of moral purity and sound teaching](#) (**Titus 2:7-8**).

Teachers — Teachers are those who have a special, God-given gift to [clarify, explain and communicate](#) God’s Word in order to build up the body of Christ (**Ephesians 4:12**).

IMPORTANCE

This Fundamental Truth is important because, the success any assembly has, in [fulfilling its mission](#), depends, to a great degree, on Holy Spirit anointed leadership.!

REFLECTIONS on The MINISTRY:

TRUTH #12 - DIVINE HEALING

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, & is the privilege of all believers.

Isaiah 53:4-5 — **4** Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, 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.”

James 5:14-16 — **14** Is 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. **15** And 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. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Just as salvation is by grace through faith (**Ephesians 2:8**), so all God’s blessings and gifts are ours by His grace, or unmerited favor. They cannot be earned or deserved. It should be noted that instead of demanding healing from Jesus, the New Testament records that people came asking for His compassionate ministry. [They did not look on healing as their right](#), but as [a gracious privilege extended to them](#).

Faith, then, receives healing through the simple [Word of the Lord](#). But [Jesus did not turn away from those who had little faith or who did not seem to express any faith at all](#). Those who are sick often find it is not easy to express faith, and [Jesus did a variety of things to help them](#).

Some He touched (**Mark 1:41; 8:22**), took their hands (**Mark 1:31; Luke 14:4**), or laid His hands upon them (**Mark 6:5; 8:25; Luke 4:40; 13:13**). Others He helped by a variety of acts, some of which called for faith and obedience on their part (**Mark 7:33; 8:23**).

REFLECTIONS on DIVINE HEALING
