

3. No Diligence & Religiosity 2 Timothy 2:15

A. #3 No Purpose or Diligence When Seeking Healing

1. **(John 8:31-32 S1)** continuing in the Word will enable you to know the truth and the truth you know will make you free
2. **(Joshua 1:8 S2)** meditating the Word allows you to do the Word which will cause everything you do to be prosperous and you will have good success
3. **(Romans 12:2 S3)** renewing your mind is vital and progressive
 - a. This world system alienated and opposed to the Lord tries to undermine your faith
4. Self discipline in anything you desire to get good at is vital, how much more when the secular, unsaved world does all it can to undermine your faith
5. **2 Timothy 2:15** ‘approved’ tried; we study the Word so that when we are tried by unscriptural things we see or hear we keep right on believing
 - a. A workman diligently working hard to know the truth; God’s Word is our ‘trade’
 - b. ‘ashamed’ if he is diligent in his study, when he is tried by unscriptural and often intentional challenges, his diligence will give him no cause for shame
 - c. ‘rightly dividing the Word’ as a diligent workman, applying yourself diligently to know the incredibly important, life changing truths the Word teaches
6. **Psalm 1:1-3** in addition to meditating the Word of God, we must be careful who we spend time with
 - a. **v1** ‘counsel of the ungodly’ in a very real sense their advice is harmful as it contradicts and undermines the Word of God
 - b. ‘scornful’ they mock the Word and scoff at it
 - c. You can see the necessity to spend diligent time in the Word. Again, this world and those who do not know Jesus are deceived and are hostile to the Word of God; James

B. #4 Religiosity

1. **Mark 7:8-9** Traditions of men (William Barclay pp163-164 Mark’s Gospel); Farhut
 - a. FFBosworth: the traditions of the elders, unbiblical teaching concerning healing hinders people from being healed

2. What the church you attend believes and teaches
 - a. Many churches do not really believe God wants to heal you or that your faith can obtain the desired biblical results; Wheat – how will you die?; blame God – Fred Price
3. We are told, “The age of miracles has passed: – Acts 1:1; ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - a. It is not His will to heal all; this is made up by those who do not know the truth of biblical healing, so they make up something
 - b. People make a theology out of failure to get someone healed – it is always God’s will to heal; the mind of a human being is incredibly complex, the devil tries to influence it
 - c. Sickness is to teach the one who is sick something; God sends sickness on people; Suffering for the glory of God – none of this is true, made up since they do not know the truth
4. **(Hebrews 12:6 S4)** God chastens who He loves – train, teach educate a child – corrected; baby Christians need to be corrected as well – this is never sickness
 - a. ‘scourges’ "chastening" by the Lord administered in love to His spiritual sons.
Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words
5. Jesus healed as the Son of God and not the Son of man; the Bible clearly teaches in Philippians 2 that the Lord Jesus left deity in heaven and ministered as a Man anointed by the Holy Spirit; He did this so that we could be baptized in the Holy Spirit, be empowered just as Jesus was and continue His ministry
7. **Exodus 15:26** the Lord permits sickness, He does not cause it; it is permitted because the earth is cursed; Jesus came to redeem us from sickness and He did
 - a. Dr. Robert Young, Hebrew Scholar, Author of Young's Analytical Concordance and “Hints and Helps to Bible Interpretation”: **(translates this verse S5)**
8. **John 9:1-4** the man was born blind because the earth is cursed and things like this happen in a cursed world
 - a. Jesus tells us that these things happen, but the works of God can heal him
 - b. The Lord did not do this to the man, but the Lord always intended for those who know the Lord to minister to those who are afflicted by the curse and heal them – that is us