

WASP: Jesus' Teaching Model and Questions

Jesus' primary method for instructing and teaching healing and deliverance was largely experimental on the part of the disciples.

Jesus' method of instruction:

1. Listen to what I say
2. Watch what I do
3. Do it yourself while I'm watching
4. Go off and do it by yourself
5. Come back, tell me all about it, and share your problems

Then: Listen to what I say and watch what I do repeating as many times as necessary.

The Importance of Teaching God's Truth

Jesus knew many, though not all, of the ailments afflicting people were the result and consequence of sin and broken relationships. Sickness and suffering usually have a root cause. If the healing ministered by Jesus was to be of permanent value, it was essential people knew and understood the foundational truths that would help them put things right in their lives.

Though dealing with root causes is vital, we should welcome, teach, and then heal—in that order. If Jesus did not receive the people with a loving welcome, they would be unlikely to listen to the teaching they needed to hear.

As someone who is led by the Spirit, people will find you for healing. Some will come with great or specific needs, some do not know what is wrong, and some are led by others. People arrive full of problems and with various physical conditions. They need to be taught the basics of the Gospel that God outlines in His Word and let Him do the rest.

We must take authority over powers of darkness to cast out demons, but it is the truth that Jesus taught that supplies the power and potential to set people free. God's truth should be presented in such a way that people are not bored by dry theology or left feeling they have been rejected or condemned by a God who is far too distant to be interested in them. They must be captivated by the love of a God who has made such sacrificial provision for them, despite the rebellious sin nature that was in their hearts. And the good news is this works! Teaching God's truth will be paramount to everything else but will lead to miracles of healing beginning to take place.

We must respect the free will of others and choose not to dominate or control them against their will. To discount someone's will runs contrary to God's creation plan and is in direct rebellion against God's purposes for mankind. But Godly discipline for those whom we have responsible care for is not the same as domination and control. Without discipline, children and adults will not learn how to use their free will in such a way that they will avoid further problems.

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Please answer the following questions. Be sure to note scriptures used to support your answers.

1. What did Jesus do when He encountered people that needed healing?
2. What did Jesus do when He encountered people that were demon possessed?
3. What did these people do when they encountered Jesus?
4. What should you do when you encounter people who need healing?
5. What should you do when you encounter people who need deliverance?
6. Were the people Jesus encountered demon oppressed or demon possessed?
7. Did Jesus heal everyone He encountered?