THE GREAT PHYSICIAN - Part 2

Intro:
A. Society is extremely "health conscious."
   1. Millions spent yearly on health magazines, foods, "fads."
   2. Doctors engaged in thriving business. Say great percent of patients have nothing organically wrong.
   3. Billions spent in research to find cause, cure of dread diseases. People crying for a great amount to be spent in research for cure of AIDS. Not uncommon to hear of several million dollars to be spent on machines. ($10 million for X-Ray machine.)
B. Ads- "When you lose your health, you lose everything."
   1. Although not everything, physical health is important.
   2. Realize body is instrument through which God is to be served, glorified.
      a. (I Cor. 6:19,20) To fail to take advantage of opportunities to preserve health is to rob God of the use of our bodies.
      (1) 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV) - 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
      (2) 1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV) - 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.
C. Understanding that we have a Great Physician means nothing unless we as Patients are willing to submit to the demands, requests and instructions.

II. PATIENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GREAT PHYSICIAN:
A. Seek Him. Be aware of need. The Great physician of no value until patient realizes need, willing to seek services.
   1. Matt. 11:28 (NKJV) - 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
      a. Matt. 9:18 ; 20-21 ; 32
         (1) Matthew 9:18 (NKJV) - 18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.”
         (a) Matthew 9:20-21 (NKJV) - 20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”
         (2) Matthew 9:32 (NKJV) - 32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.
   2. Christ will make the correct diagnosis: - John 2:24-25 ; Gen. 1:26 ; John 1:3 ; Col 1:16.
      (1) John 2:24-25 (NKJV) - 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.
      (2) Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) - 26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
      (3) John 1:3 (NKJV) - 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
      b. Since Christ made man.
B. LET HIM DIAGNOSE PROBLEM. Do not use own diagnosis. (Dr. Morris) His word spells out the problem.
      a. Isaiah 1:2-6 (NKJV) - 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken:
“I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me; 3 The ox
knows its owner And the donkey its master’s crib; But Israel does not know, My people do
not consider.” 4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers,
Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The
Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward. 5 Why should you be stricken again?
You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. 6 From
the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and
putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment.

b. Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) - 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins
have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

c. Matthew 13:15 (NKJV) - 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are
hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and
hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should
heal them.’

d. 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) - 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we,
having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed.

2. This disease is deadly: Ezek. 18:28 ; Rom. 8:13 ; Jas. 1:14-15 ; 5:19-20
a. Ezekiel 18:28 (NKJV) - 28 Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions
which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
b. Romans 8:13 (NKJV) - 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the
Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
c. James 1:14-15 (NKJV) - 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own
desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when
it is full-grown, brings forth death.
d. James 5:19-20 (NKJV) - 19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and
someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his
way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

C. BE WILLING TO TAKE THE PRESCRIPTION:--- This is the Gospel Rom. 1:16 ; I Cor. 15:1-4
1. Romans 1:16 (NKJV) - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of
God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
a. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NKJV) - 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I
preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are
saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For
I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according
to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according
to the Scriptures,

2. No trust is enough if not enough to follow doctor's orders.
b. "Too simple." Naaman. II Kings 5 - (NKJV) - 1 Now Naaman, commander of the army of
the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him
the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And
the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land
of Israel. She waited on Naaman’s wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, “If only my master
were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.” 4 And
Naaman went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who is from the
land of Israel.” 5 Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king
of Israel.” So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of
gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which
said. Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.” 8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.

Doctor says, "obey." Mk. 16:16 ; Gal. 5:6 ; John 14:23-24 ; Heb. 11:8 ; 1 John 2:2.

(1) **Mark 16:16** (NKJV) - 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

(2) **Galatians 5:6** (NKJV) - 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

(3) **John 14:23-24** (NKJV) - 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

(4) **Hebrews 11:8** (NKJV) - 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

(5) **1 John 2:2** (NKJV) - 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

3. **Christ has commands that need to be obeyed.**

   a. **Hear the Word --- Heb. 1:1-2** (NKJV) - 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

   b. **Believe the Word --- Heb. 11:5 ; Rev. 21:8**

      (1) **Hebrews 11:5** (NKJV) - 5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

      (2) **Revelation 21:8** (NKJV) - 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

   c. **Repent --- Acts 17:30** (NKJV) - 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

   d. **Confess --- Rom. 10:9-10** (NKJV) - 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

   e. **Baptized for Remission of Sins --- Acts 2:38 ; Rom. 6:3**

      (1) **Acts 2:38** (NKJV) - 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(2) Romans 6:3 (NKJV) - 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

f. Live Faithfully ---- Rev. 2:10 ; Heb. 12:4

(1) Revelation 2:10 (NKJV) - 10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

(2) Hebrews 12:4 (NKJV) - 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

4. IF we do all these things there are promises to be enjoyed.
   a. Remission of Sins --- Acts 2:38 (NKJV) - 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
   c. Reconciliation with God ---- Isa. 59:2 ; II Cor 5:19.
      (1) Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) - 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.
      (2) 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV) - 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
   d. Salvation ---- Acts 4:11-12. (NKJV) - 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
   e. The Right to the tree of Life ---- Rev. 22:14 (NKJV) - 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

D. Continue to maintain health: freedom from disease. Gaius enjoyed spiritual health.

1. How?
   a. By walking in the truth. III John 3 (NKJV) - 3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.
   b. Food, exercise, etc. to maintain health. I Pet. 2:2 ; Gal 6:10 ; I Tim. 6:12 ; I Cor. 15:33 ; II Cor. 6:17 ; 7:1 ; Acts 20:32.
      (1) 1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV) - 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,
      (2) Galatians 6:10 (NKJV) - 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
      (3) 1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV) - 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
      (4) 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NKJV) - 33 Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”
      (5) 2 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV) - 17 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”
      (6) 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV) - 1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
      (7) Acts 20:32 (NKJV) - 32 “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
2. Must realize that we can relapse and die. - Jas. 5:19-20 ; II Peter 1:5-11 ; 2:20-22.

(1) James 5:19-20 (NKJV) - 19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

(2) 2 Peter 1:5-11 (NKJV) - 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(3) 2 Peter 2:20-22 (NKJV) - 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

III. In Conclusion:
A. Are you willing to seek the GREAT PHYSICIAN?
B. Opportunity to know about Him is of no value if do not seek. Multitudes surrounded Christ: one woman "touched the hem of his garment" to be healed. Lk. 8:43-47.

1. Luke 8:43-47 (NKJV) - 43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” 46 But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

C. Lord Willing - next week we will look at the Patients responsibilities to the Great Physician.
D. If not a child of God, you have a "terminal disease."

1. No such thing as terminal disease for those willing to obey the Great Physician, walk in His truth.

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