

## Chapter Six

### Christ Heals the Blind

1. Christ healed two blind men in Matthew 9:27-31. When did this event happen in the life of Christ? Pg. 84

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2. The author writes that this event “may be even clearer” on what important matter? Pg. 84

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3. What is the meaning of “mercy” quoted from Vine’s Dictionary? Pg. 84

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4. By asking Christ for “mercy” what did these two blind men demonstrate? Pg. 84-85

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5. How did these men identify Christ as the Jewish Messiah? Pg. 85

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6. What reveals that Christ postponed ministry to these two blind men? Pg. 85

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7. What “fact” reveals the determination of these blind men to be healed? Pg. 85

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8. True or False? Christ was not actively seeking these blind men to heal them. Pg. 85

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9. True or False? These blind men initiated the discourse with Christ concerning their healing. Pg. 85

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10. What important question does Christ ask these blind men? Pg. 85

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11. In a footnote at the bottom of page 85, the author reminds readers of what? Pg. 85

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12. What is the “central issue” in the healing of these men according to the author? Pg. 85

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13. How do these two blind men respond to this question? Pg. 86.

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14. How does their answer reflect a submissive attitude? Pg. 86

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15. What ordinary method of imparting healing did Christ use to heal them? Pg. 86

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16. How many times does Christ mention faith or believing before He heals these blind men? Pg. 86

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17. What does the author say is “noteworthy”? Pg. 86

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18. What does Christ “already know” about this matter? Pg. 86

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19. Fill in the blanks: The issue of these men being healed is not an issue of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, it is an issue of their \_\_\_\_\_. Pg. 86

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20. Fill in the blank: Christ reveals that these two blind men are in \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter of their healing. Pg. 86

21. How will these blind men receive from the Father? Pg. 86

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22. What does this imply about them if they had not believed? Pg. 86

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23. The author writes that this situation would have been a “great situation” to demonstrate something if God had so desired. What could have the Father demonstrated in this situation if He had wished to do so? Pg. 86

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24. What “principle” is not demonstrated in this situation or any other like it in Scripture? Pg. 86

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25. The author notes six things are “the same” in this passage. What are they? Pg. 86-87

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26. What other biblical principle is revealed in the healing of both men in the same way? Pg. 87

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27. Fill in the blanks: What the Father will do for one person, He will do for another if that person \_\_\_\_\_ . Pg. 87

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28. The author writes that many have understood this “no respecter” principle in matters such as the forgiveness of sins but have failed to do what? Pg. 87

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29. True or False? These men had precipitated their healings by expressing faith through seeking Christ for healing. Pg. 87

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30. True or False? These men confessed their faith on Christ's questioning of them. Pg. 87

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31. True or False? Christ did not say that faith was important for their healing. Pg. 87

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32. The healing of these two blind men found in Matthew's Gospel happens chronologically during what year of Christ's ministry? Pg. 87

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33. The next healing of a blind person that the author discusses is the healing of the blind beggar Bartimaeus. What year of Christ's ministry does this healing happen? Pg. 87

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34. This healing happens in Mark's Gospel just before what other event? Pg. 87

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35. What is the only significant difference between Luke's account of this healing and Mark's account? Pg. 87

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36. What does the author say is possible, even probable, about Bartimaeus and the healing of the two blind men? Pg. 120.

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37. What does the author speculate that Bartimaeus could have said to himself in light of hearing about the two blind men who were healed by Christ? Pg. 87-88

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38. The author sees this as another expression of the principle of "God is not a respecter of persons". In light of other people's faith and success, what should our reaction when we are in need? Pg. 88

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39. Fill in the blanks: The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ again reveal that the will of the Father is settled in matters of healing. The Father wants \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Pg. 88

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40. The author contrasts the story of the two blind men with the story of Bartimaeus. He notes that this story has detailed personal information about Bartimaeus. The author speculates that Matthew might have been “subtly informing” his readers of what? Pg. 88

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41. How is the response of Bartimaeus similar to the two blind men? Pg. 88

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42. True or False? The author thinks that Bartimaeus may have thought that since Christ had healed the other two men, he didn't need to do the same things to be healed. Pg. 89

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43. True or False? The author thinks that Bartimaeus might have thought that if Christ healed the other blind men on this basis, He would heal him (Bartimaeus) on the same basis. Pg. 89

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44. The crowd in this story tried to silence Bartimaeus as he cried out to Christ. How did Bartimaeus respond to this discouragement? Pg. 89

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45. Bartimaeus showed some persistence in seeking Christ despite the discouragement of the crowd. How did the two blind men in the earlier story show persistence? Pg. 89

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46. What would have happened if Bartimaeus had listened to the discouragement of the crowd? Pg. 89

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47. What erroneous reasoning could have caused Bartimaeus to be passive and not cry out for Christ? Pg. 89

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48. How was Bartimaeus' persistence in crying out to Christ rewarded? Pg. 89

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49. After Christ calls Bartimaeus, he cast aside his cloak. What does the author think that this action reveals about Bartimaeus' focus? Pg. 90

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50. True or False? Bartimaeus is a good example of someone who was extremely careful, cautious and conservative being rewarded for his wisdom. Pg. 90

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51. Fill in the blanks: Bartimaeus was \_\_\_\_\_ to his healing. Pg. 90

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52. True or False? Bartimaeus expressed no doubt about the will of the God in his healing. Pg. 90

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53. The author writes that Christ does not have a chance to do something. What is that something? Pg. 90

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54. Neither Christ nor Bartimaeus questions God on what matter? Pg. 90

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55. Fill in the blanks: Without any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, Christ tells Bartimaeus that his faith has made him well. Pg. 90

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56. The author writes that the elements of this story strong contradict and challenge what ideas? Pg. 90

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57. What would have happened if Bartimaeus had believed the above ideas? Pg. 90-91

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58. What concept did Bartimaeus grasp that was demonstrated in his persistence, determined focus, and strong commitment? Pg. 91

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59. What kind of doctrine produces passivity in people? Pg. 91

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60. True or False? The author writes that passive attitudes are seldom rewarded in Scripture. Pg. 91

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61. Fill in the blanks: Much encouragement is found throughout the Bible to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for that which He alone can provide. Pg. 91

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62. What will the Holy Spirit do for anyone actively seeking God for healing? Pg. 91

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63. The next healing of a blind person in this book is Bethsaida's blind man. This healing is found in Mark 8:22-26. The author writes that this healing allows for an unusual possibility. What possibility is he referring to? Pg. 91

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64. What caused people to bring the sick, the injured, the blind and the lame to Christ? Pg. 91

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65. Why did people bring this man to Christ according to the passage? Pg. 91-92

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66. Is the reason why Christ took this man out of the village of Bethsaida revealed in the passage? Pg. 92

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67. How did Christ describe and compare Bethsaida in other passages such as Mark 11:20-21? Pg. 92

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68. What two unusual and very public miracles occurred near Bethsaida? Pg. 92

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69. The eyewitnesses to Christ's many miracles in this region should have done what? Did they do this? Pg. 92

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70. The author speculates from the information about Bethsaida the possible reason that Christ took this blind man out of Bethsaida. What was that possible reason? Pg. 92-93

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71. Fill in the blanks: Perhaps, the blind man's faith was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. In any case, Christ created \_\_\_\_\_ for the blind man before He ministered to him. Pg. 93

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72. How many healing events using spittle in some way are recorded in the Gospels? Pg. 93

73. Did every healing event in Christ's ministry require an unusual methodology? Pg. 93

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74. True or False? Healings or miracles always require a word of knowledge so that the one praying will know what kind of methodology to use. Pg. 93

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75. The author points out that Christ also used a "normal method" in this situation which is also Christ's "ongoing method of choice"? What was it? Pg. 93

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76. While Christ did not need specific guidance to do this healing, He maintained openness to what? Pg. 93

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77. What does Christ's question "Do you see anything?" reveal? Pg. 93-94

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78. The author says that while there is no mystery in the Father's will, what may be a surprise? Pg. 94

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79. What are some of the manifestations that people may feel when they are being healed? Pg. 94

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80. If someone receives a partial healing, how should that encourage them? Pg. 94

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81. How did the man respond to Christ's question? Pg. 94

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82. True or False: Instantaneous healing is not the only expression of Christ's healing ministry. Pg. 94

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83. What ought to be the final result when a partial healing is received? Pg. 94

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84. The author writes about “sanctified logic” motivating a believer to receive a complete healing. What is this “sanctified logic”? Pg. 94

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85. Fill in the blanks: Christ did not \_\_\_\_\_ for a partial healing. Christ knew that the Father’s will was complete wholeness \_\_\_\_\_ the man received healing. Pg. 94

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86. Fill in the blanks: For someone to have an \_\_\_\_\_ ministry that models itself on \_\_\_\_\_, allowance must be made for an occasional situation like this. In a very few cases, \_\_\_\_\_ a person \_\_\_\_\_ may be the only way to get them healed. Pg. 95

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87. How long was the interval between the partial healing and the man’s complete healing? Pg. 95

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88. What must anyone wishing to accomplish healing like the Savior be willing to do? Pg. 95

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89. What were Christ’s final instructions to the man? Pg. 95

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90. The next event of a blind person being healed is the man born blind found in John Chapter 9. This is the only specifically mentioned case of what? Pg. 96

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91. Why is this story very important according to the author? Pg. 96

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92. What other issue appears in the story? Pg. 96

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93. The text says that Christ “saw” this man. What does the author conclude about Christ’s behavior from the question that the disciples asked Christ about the man? Pg. 96

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94. What assumption do the disciples make that is implicit in the question? Pg. 97

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95. The author states that the logic of the man’s sins being the cause of his blindness is weak. How does the author come to this conclusion? Pg. 97

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96. The author states that the logic of a child being punished for the parent’s sins is not much better. However, the author does say that this is a possibility for what scriptural reason? Pg. 97

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97. Does the author think that Christ’s answer in this case validates the possibility that the sins of the parents were the cause. Pg. 97

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98. What does Christ make clear about sin in this case? Pg. 97

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99. What is the “blame game”? Pg. 97

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100. How does the “blame game” affect the healing and deliverance of people? Pg. 97

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101. True or False? Christ normally healed people without saying a word about their sins or what caused their sickness and without fixing blame. Pg. 97

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102. True or False? In Christ's public preaching of the Kingdom of God, repentance was an important part. Pg. 97

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103. True or False? Christ public ministry called people to repentance, but in His ongoing ministry to individuals, He seldom said anything about their need to repent. Pg. 97-98

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104. Who are the three kinds of persons blamed for sickness or disability. Pg. 98

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105. Fill in the blanks: Blame is most often fixed on \_\_\_\_\_. This is often very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. Pg. 98

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106. Fill in the blanks: This hidden blame is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and sickness and debilitating conditions are \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father. Pg. 98

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107. What is difficult for someone who loses a child to a sickness or suffers a debilitating and painful condition? Pg. 98

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108. What is the first of two logical arguments that sometimes are used to give God the responsibility for the loss? Pg. 98

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109. What does this logic overlook? Pg. 98

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110. What is the second of two logical arguments that sometimes are used to give God the responsibility for the loss? Pg. 98

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111. What does this logic forget? Pg. 98

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112. What is often hidden in people wounded by such painful circumstances? Pg. 98

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113. What kind of problems do these people have after being wounded by such circumstances? Pg. 98

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114. True or False: The author writes that God is good despite the fact that He is the source of their pain. Pg. 98-99

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115. Instead of fixing blame on anyone what should we do according to the author? Pg. 99

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116. What does Christ reveal about why this man had this condition? Pg. 99

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117. Did the man's blindness bring God any glory before He was healed? Pg. 99

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118. True or False: This man's disability brought God glory. Pg. 99

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119. Why was this man's healing so powerful a testimony? Pg. 99

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120. Why should no one ever wait to be healed? Pg. 99

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121. Does the length of time that a person has a particular condition reveal that that condition is the will of the Father for them? How can we know this from the life of Christ? Pg. 100

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122. What did the Father want from the beginning for these people with long-term conditions? Pg. 100

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123. The author says that there is clear encouragement in this passage from Christ to the disciples to do the same kinds of miraculous works as healing the blind man. What was that encouragement? Pg. 100

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124. What was the work of the Father in this passage? Pg. 100

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125. Fill in the blanks: Nothing in this passage indicates that the work of the Father was happening \_\_\_\_\_ this man's healing. Nothing in this passage reveals that some \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father was happening in this man by virtue of his condition of blindness. Pg. 100

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126. Fill in the blanks: The phrase "We must work the works of the Father" reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ in healing and miracle ministry. While these are the Father's works, \_\_\_\_\_ must work them. Pg. 101

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127. True or False? God's preferred way is to heal without using a human vessel. Pg. 101

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128. In the New Testament, it is unusual for someone to be healed in what way? Pg. 101

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129. If opportunity still exists, then what should believers be doing? Pg. 101

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130. How do believers become “the light of the world”? Pg. 101

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131. What practical concern that might have helped the man’s faith that might have prompted Christ to apply clay to the eyes of this blind man? Pg. 101-102

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132. What other practical concern might have prompted Christ to have the man go to the pool of Siloam? Pg. 102

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133. How did the man demonstrate that he had faith to be healed? Pg. 102

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134. Why does this chapter come early in the specific events of Christ’s healing ministry? Pg. 102

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135. Why does the author say that this belief is unfortunate? Pg. 102

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136. Fill in the blanks: Believers have \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, without \_\_\_\_\_, to heal anyone of anything. Pg. 102

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137. Fill in the blanks: One thing is \_\_\_\_\_ than another. Pg. 102

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138. Fill in the blanks: Believers must understand that \_\_\_\_\_ them  
despite their \_\_\_\_\_ and feelings of \_\_\_\_\_. Pg. 102

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139. Christ is capable and willing to do mighty things through what? Pg. 102

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