

# *Christian Training Center of Phoenix Rising Outreach Ministry*

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## **HARVESTIME INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE**

This course is part of the **Harvestime International Institute**, a program designed to equip believers for effective spiritual harvest.

The basic theme of the training is to teach what Jesus taught, that which took men who were fishermen, tax collectors, etc., and changed them into reproductive Christians who reached their world with the Gospel in a demonstration of power.

This manual is a single course in one of several modules of curriculum which moves believers from visualizing through deputizing, multiplying, organizing, and mobilizing to achieve the goal of evangelizing.

## **HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL**

### **MANUAL FORMAT**

Each lesson consists of:

**Objectives:** These are the goals you should achieve by studying the chapter. Read them before starting the lesson.

**Key Verse:** This verse emphasizes the main concept of the chapter. Memorize it.

**Chapter Content:** Study each section. Use your Bible to look up any references not printed in the manual.

**Self-Test:** Take this test after you finish studying the chapter. Try to answer the questions without using your Bible or this manual.

**For Further Study:** This section will help you continue your study of the Word of God, improve your study skills, and apply what you have learned to your life and ministry.

**Final Examination:** If you are enrolled in this course for credit, you received a final examination along with this course. Upon conclusion of this course, you should complete this examination and return it for grading as instructed.

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NEEDED**

You will need a King James version of the Bible.

## Healing: A Battle for the Body

# COURSE INTRODUCTION

The early Church viewed their spiritual experience in terms of warfare. Military terminology is used throughout the New Testament. Protection was seen in the armor of God. The Word of God was compared to a sword. Satan's attacks were called fiery darts. Faith was the "good fight" and believers were told to "war a good warfare." The early Church knew they were engaged in intense spiritual struggle.

The Bible states that God's people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). One of the areas in which believers are defeated due to lack of knowledge is in this invisible warfare. There is a great war being waged in the world today. It is not a conflict between nations, tribes, or government leaders. It is not a rebellion or coup. It is an important invisible battle in the spirit world.

The Christian life is war. The sooner we recognize and prepare for it, the sooner we will experience victory. One aspect of this invisible war targets the soul and spirit of man. Harvestime International Institute has a course entitled "*Spiritual Strategies: A Manual Of Spiritual Warfare*" which focuses on this portion of the invisible war.

But there is another part of this warfare that is manifested in the physical realm. In this course we call it the "*Battle For The Body*." Satan has targeted the physical bodies of believers because he knows that weak and sickly warriors cannot wage effective battle against his kingdom. Luke 14:31 says, "What king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?" No one should ever enter battle without a careful examination of his resources and development of battle strategies.

In this course we are making a careful evaluation of the strategies available to win the war against Satan in the battle for your body. You will learn to do battle for your physical body and to minister these truths to other wounded warriors in God's army.

# COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the natural and spiritual realms.
- Define "spiritual warfare."
- Identify the reason for the invisible war.
- State the basic principle for understanding spiritual warfare.
- Define "divine healing."
- Distinguish between healing and deliverance.
- Explain how healing and deliverance are related to the commission to reach the world with the Gospel.
- Identify the source of sickness.
- Explain the reasons for sickness.
- Identify types of sickness.
- List the end results of sickness.
- Summarize the Biblical basis of healing.
- List the purposes of healing.
- Understand and use the gifts of healing.
- Respond to traditions of men regarding healing.
- Deal with unanswered questions regarding healing.
- Minister and receive healing.
- Minister and receive deliverance.
- Prepare people for the ultimate healing.
- Conduct follow-up ministries for healing and deliverance.
- Summarize guidelines for living as a well warrior.
- Wage effective warfare in the battle for the body.

**LESSON SIXTEEN: Healing: A Battle for the Body**  
**C4D6.16) The Ultimate Healing**

## #16: THE ULTIMATE HEALING

### STRATEGIES FOR HEALING

In this section you will learn strategies for ministering and receiving healing. You will study about:

- HOW TO MINISTER AND RECEIVE HEALING.
- THE HEALING FOLLOW-UP MINISTRY.
- THE ULTIMATE HEALING.

Remember the paradox of God's Kingdom you learned in the beginning of this course: As you begin to minister healing, healing will be ministered unto you.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this lesson you will be able to:

- Write the Healing Promise from memory.
- Provide specific guidelines for ministering to the terminally ill.

#### **HEALING PROMISE TO CLAIM:**

**For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Bible indicates there is an appointed time for each person to die:

**And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)**

Study the following outline if you are terminally ill and/or use it to help you minister to someone who is terminally ill:

#### **MINISTERING TO THE TERMINALLY ILL**

I. There Is Sickness Unto Death: In John 11:4 Jesus said the sickness of Lazarus was not one unto death. This means there are sicknesses unto death.

II. There Are Two Types Of Natural Death:

A. Premature death: Turned to destruction of flesh that the spirit be saved (I Corinthians 5:4-5).

B. Appointed death: Because of the natural processes of life (Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 3:2; II Kings 13:14; Isaiah 38; II Kings 20).

### III. The Goal Of Healing Is Not Immortality:

- A. Even those Jesus raised from the dead eventually died.
- B. Some people are supernaturally kept from the effects of old age like Moses was. Others follow the natural way of aging, as Joshua did.
- C. The Bible does not promise immortality in this world as part of the healing covenant. Do not be disturbed when Christians who believe and have ministered divine healing die from sickness. This happened to Elisha, yet years later his bones had power to raise a dead man. This confirms he could not have died because of lack of faith!

### IV. God Can Give Wisdom And Discernment: God can give wisdom as to whether or not it is the appointed time to die:

A. If God reveals it is the person's appointed time, then help them prepare as Jesus did the thief on the cross:

1. Be certain they know Jesus as their Savior.
2. If they are a believer, be sure there is no unconfessed sin.
3. Encourage them to set their business affairs in order.
4. Encourage them to make restitution if there are problems between them and other people.
5. Help them understand death comes to all. For the believer, death is just an event within the parameters of eternal life. We need to change our attitude about it. We are not to seek death, but we are not to place such an undue emphasis on the present life that we prefer it to the one to come. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (II Corinthians 5:8). Death is an enemy, and it is the last enemy that will be destroyed (I Corinthians 15:26). The resurrection of Jesus was the "first fruits" to show that death is conquered although it is not yet destroyed. It is the terror of this enemy that is disarmed for the believer (I Corinthians 15:55). Even if it is time for the believer's death, it need not involve fear, distress, and agony. God gives dying grace as well as living grace.
6. Help them understand that God is sovereign. He can still intervene at any time to permit them to live longer.
7. Focus their attention on the resurrection and eternity. Use the following references: Job 19:25- 27; John 11:5-6; Romans 8:10-11, 17-18, 22-23; 10:11; I Corinthians 15:42-44,54-58; II Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:1; I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

B. If you do not receive knowledge from God as to whether this is the appointed time of death:

1. Continue to pray for healing according to God's will. This does not demand your wishes, but releases God to do according to His will, whether it is to take them or raise them up.
2. Pray in the Spirit, since the Holy Spirit knows the will of God and will properly make intercession (Romans 8:26).
3. Encourage the sick one to commit themselves to total trust in God, so that whether in living or dying, they know they are in His hands: Job 13:15; 19:16; John 10:29.
4. Focus ministry on preparation for death as well as physical healing.

### V. Death Is The Ultimate Healing: For the believer, death is the ultimate healing. There is no more pain or sickness and you enter God's presence whole. Sickness and sin are similar: We are

saved from the penalty of sin (sickness) when we accept Jesus as Savior and Healer. We can be continually delivered from its power as believers, but only in the future when we go to be with the Lord are we saved from its presence. God has a way of using things Satan intends for evil and turning them to good. Death was the penalty for sin, and by the death of Christ came life. This is why death is swallowed up in victory. In death, God performs the ultimate healing. Death is swallowed up in victory because those dead in Christ will rise again:

**Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? (I Corinthians 15:51-55)**

When a believer dies, rejoice, because something precious has occurred:

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Psalms 116:15)**

For the believer, death comes as a release from this world of sin:

**For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up in life. (II Corinthians 5:1-2, 4)**

At death, the believer has entered the presence of the Lord:

**We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. (II Corinthians 5:8)**

A man named Arthur Brisbane pictured the funeral of a believer as a crowd of grieving caterpillars all wearing black suits, mourning as they carried a cocoon to its final resting place. Above them fluttered an incredibly beautiful butterfly.



## WORKING IT OUT

1. Study the healing promise for this lesson:

**For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)**

If you have or are ministering to someone with a terminal illness, ask these questions:

Is this condition causing you to faint spiritually?

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Is your inward man being renewed daily, despite the condition of the outward man?

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How might you renew your inward man?

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Are you focusing your attention on your temporal condition or eternal values?

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How might you change your focus from temporal to eternal?

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2. If you are ministering to someone who is terminally ill and God has revealed that it is their appointed time to die, work through these steps: Do you know Jesus as Savior?

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If you are a believer, do you have any unconfessed sin? Pray about unconfessed sin, such as anger, bitterness, etc. Confess and receive forgiveness (I John 1:8-9).

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Have you set your business affairs in order? If not, make a list of things you need to do:

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Are there those to whom you need to make restitution, ask forgiveness, or settle problems? If so, write their names below:

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3. If you do not receive knowledge from God as to whether this is the appointed time of death, follow these steps:

-Continue to pray for healing according to God's will.

-Pray in the Spirit since He knows the will of God and will properly make intercession.

-Encourage the sick one to commit themselves to total trust in God, so that whether in living or dying, they know they are in His hands.

4. If you, or someone to whom you are ministering, are terminally ill, claim this promise:

**But Jesus beheld them and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God, all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)**

5. Always remember that God is sovereign, and even though a person is declared terminally ill, He can intervene at any time and extend their life. Read the story of King Hezekiah in Isaiah 37:1 to 38:22. When Hezekiah was dying, he turned to God and received healing. In this account note his:

-Plight: Isaiah 38:1

-Prayer: Isaiah 38:2-3

-Promise: Isaiah 38:4-6

-Praise: Isaiah 38:9-20