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Summary

This book was written to let readers know that it is possible for God to “directly heal” people and that He could “heal through prayer”, (MacNutt, 1974, pg. 17-130). This book refers to the Catholic church, they believe in divine healing but only believe the saints could heal. The Catholic church do not believe that healing could be an “ordinary common experience” (MacNutt, 1974, pg. 17-130). It was easier for them to believe that God could heal the sick through prayer but when it came to God healing through “my” (MacNutt, 1974, pg. 17-130), prayer was another story. The author (MacNutt, 1974), shares experiential and theological principles about the process of healing. The author (MacNutt, 1974) teach that there are four different kinds of prayer for healing, that are recognized by their sickness and their cause.¹

MacNutt (1974) believes that it is important to know the differences so that the ministry of healing can flow to help those who need healing. There are three areas that are subject to come under attack, sickness of our spirit (caused by sin), emotional (caused by hurts from the past) and physical sickness (caused by diseases/accidents). MacNutt (1974) also writes that there are four prayers that can be exercised to combat these causes, prayer for repentance (sin), inner healing (emotional problems), physical (physical sickness) and deliverance (demonic oppression).²

I am no stranger to healing. I believe in healing; I have been healed and I exercise healing as part of my ministry. I believe that God can heal others through my prayers. I have seen others healed through my prayers. I feel the virtue of healing when it flows from my hands unto the person; my hand even gets hot when I sense someone needs healing. I believe that healing can be used to open the door to witness about who Jesus is.

¹ Francis MacNutt. *Healing*. Notre Dame, IN: Ava Maria Press, 1974, 17-130.

² *Ibid*, 17-130

When I was employed, I would use healing as a way to minister salvation to my co-workers and to clients. The reading didn't give or reveal any new revelation in regard to my worldview and spiritual expectation; however, I am stirred by the reading. I am encouraged by the reading, because it is helping the body of Christ to recognize that healing is for today and that it is needed. I pray that every believer will experience healing in their lifetime. Healing shows the love and compassion of God. God loves us so much and wants to give the best of Himself to us.

I didn't find anything that I would disagree with the author on. The one thing that I have a problem with, the author gave an excellent definition for it. Deliverance is a controversial topic and I do not like the theology that is out right now, that Christians can be possessed with evil spirits; I believe at conversion evil spirits are cast out and after conversion that we can be oppressed, not possessed. Christians that need healing that are caused demonically, I believe that individual isn't possessed, but is oppressed by that evil spirit. I loved his explanation with the difference between deliverance and exorcism. MacNutt (1974) defines exorcism:

as the formal ecclesiastical prayer to free a person possessed by evil spirits, and deliverance is defined as prayer to free a person who is oppressed or infested by evil spirits, but not possessed, (pg. 167).³

Like I mentioned in this book report, healing is not foreign to me, I was doing the ministry of healing before I read this book. I believe this book has impacted my theology and current ministry by stirring up the ministry of healing. I love ministering to others and being the conduit that God uses, to be His arm.

³ Francis MacNutt. *Healing*. Notre Dame, IN: Ava Maria Press, 1974, 167



Bibliography

MacNutt, Francis. *Healing*. Notre Dame, IN: Ava Maria Press, 1974.

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