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- c. I answer, “Because we are not meeting God’s conditions”.
 - d. God said, **“Covet earnestly the best gifts.”**
 - e. If we believers don’t have them, it is because we are not coveting and desiring these things.
 - f. I am thoroughly convinced that as we covet the manifestations and desire them, there will be more and more manifestations in believer’s lives.
8. Paul said it this way: **“Covetthe gifts.”** The dictionary defines “covet” as “to desire earnestly.”
- a. Paul said to desire earnestly the spiritual gifts.
 - b. A lot of people have desires, but they are not very earnest about it.

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“THE MANIFESTATION OF THE GIFTS OF HEALINGS”

- XVIII. I am covering the “gifts of healing” and the “working of miracles” together because they are similar in many ways, but not the same.
- A. The manifestation of the “gifts of healings” is plural because God does multiple healings, and each of them is a “gift”, done out of His grace or mercy.
- 1. Another way of answering the question of why the gifts of healings are plural is that the gifts of healing may operate on more than one level.
 - 2. It could refer to the fact that different kinds of sicknesses require different kinds of healings and various levels of faith.
 - a. Some healings, for example, may involve underlying attitudes which must be dealt with before the body will respond.
 - b. Other healings need an outright miracle.
 - c. Some healings are instantaneous and others are gradual.
 - 3. But this we do know, the gifts of healings are for the supernatural healings of diseased sick people and these healings are without natural means of any source.

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4. We as believers may have some difficulty in defining some of the other manifestations; but I think we have little difficulty in defining this manifestation, the gifts of healings.
 - a. Nearly all of us understand about healings, and of course Jesus brought it into prominence by His own ministry.
 - b. His ministry was a healing ministry.
 - c. He also gave authority to His disciples to heal the sick: **“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons, Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.”**
(Matt. 10:8 AMP)
- B. The “gifts of healings” and the “working of miracles” are manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Why so?
 1. Because it takes a believer to do them by the power of God that he has the authority to use.
 2. This I believe with all my heart; it is very important to realize that it is people, empowered by the Holy Spirit within, who do healings and miracles.
 3. On rare occasions God heals or does a miracle without a human agent, but that is not “the manifestation” of gifts of healings or miracles because the gift of the Holy Spirit inside a Christian was not employed.
- C. In order for a believer to do a healing or miracle, several manifestations come into action.
 1. First, that person needs a message of knowledge and/or a message of wisdom to know what the situation is and what to do about it.
 2. Second, the believer needs the “manifestation of faith” to bring to pass the healing or miracle.
 3. Third, he must represent Christ on earth and, via the power of God, bring to pass the miracle as God supplies the energy for it.
 4. Let us look at how Peter raised Tabitha in Acts 9:40: **Peter sent them all**

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out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

5. Peter spoke the miracle into being.
 - a. First, Peter prayed.
 - b. Then, when he had revelation from the Lord to go ahead, he raised her from the dead by the power of God.
6. Once Peter received the revelation to raise Tabitha, he performed the miracle.
7. I believe there would be more miracles and healings in the world today by Christians if they would simply step out in faith and do what the Lord tells them to do.

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“LEARNING TO ACT WHEN GOD’S POWER MANIFEST”

- XIX. Too often we are waiting for God to do what He has given us the spiritual power to do.
- A. An example of this is when God tells us to lay hand on someone for healing; we hesitate, we pray, we simply are not sure what to do.
 1. It is not my intention to demean the power of prayer in any way. Christians are commanded to pray, and should do so as much as possible.
 2. But when praying about someone’s healing, should we not seek the revelation in prayer concerning what God wants us to do about the situation?
 3. When Jesus gives us this revelation to do a healing or miracle, then it is not the time to continue praying.
 - a. It is time to step out in faith and boldly do the miracle.
 - b. If the miracle of healing takes time, then the one receiving the revelation must stay in faith and prayer to see it accomplished.
 4. The book of Exodus has a great example showing that it is our choice to