

A collage of various tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wrench, whisk, and pencil sharpener.

POWER TOOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1Corinthians 12.7-11 (NIV11)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healings by that one Spirit, to
another miraculous powers, to another
prophecy, to another distinguishing between
spirits,

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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John 14.12-14 (NIV11)

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Acts 3.16 (NLT2)

“Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed - and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.”

Luke 5.17 (NIV11)

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

Matthew 10.1,7-8 (NIV11)

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. “As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

Luke 10.1,9 (NIV11)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

“Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near.’”

Matthew 28.19-20 (NIV11)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 1.29-31 (NIV11)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

Mark 16.18 (NIV11)

“...they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

Why does God heal?

It's part of his nature to heal

As a response to his own promise

James 5.14-16 (NIV11)

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

He is asked to

There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

Mark 7.32 (NIV11)

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Mark 8.22 (NIV11)

In order to teach us

To bring people to follow Jesus

Mark 5.19-20 (NIV11)

Jesus said (to him), “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

Acts 8.5-6 (NIV11)

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.

Acts 9.33-35 (NIV11)

There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. “Aeneas,” Peter said to him, “Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.” Immediately Aeneas got up. All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

To demonstrate what the Kingdom of
God is like

1Corinthians 4.20 (NIV11)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Romans 15.18-19 (NIV11)

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done - by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

Because of his compassion

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd,
he had compassion on them and healed
their sick. Matthew 14.14 (NIV11)

Jesus had compassion on them and
touched their eyes. Immediately they
received their sight and followed him.
Matthew 20:34 (NIV11)

Why doesn't God always heal?

I don't know –

but he is God and we're not

We don't ask him to

We only ask once

Mark 8.22-25 (NIV11)

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spat on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.”

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

Sin gets in the way

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