

# 10 Living Out Your Calling as a Healer

*And heal the sick there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."*  
Luke 10:9

We have put together a pretty comprehensive picture of Biblical healthcare and of modern biomedicine, and we have seen how the two differ. We have looked at both the philosophic foundations and actual practices of each. The last question to ask is, what is YOUR role in all of this? What is your role, as a Christian, in providing Biblical healthcare? How can you be part of God's redemptive plan through health care?

First, let's remind ourselves of Who the healer is. Look at the following verses:

Deuteronomy 32:29 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 Chronicles 16:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jeremiah 17:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jeremiah 46:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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So where does that leave us? Look at the following verses:

Matthew 10:1,7-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mark 3:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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What then is your role? \_\_\_\_\_

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Look at the following verses for additional insights into your role as a healer:

Proverbs 12:18 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 17:22 \_\_\_\_\_

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James 5:13-16 \_\_\_\_\_

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We studied Jesus Christ as the Great Physician. What does John 14:12 mean in this context? \_\_\_\_\_

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And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. "The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. "So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.... These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.”

(Ezekiel 34:1-6; Matthew 9-10, selected verses)

What was it that upset God? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was Jesus’ response? \_\_\_\_\_

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What action did Jesus take in response to His compassion?

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What does this say about your role and calling as a healer?

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Look at Luke 10:9:

**“And heal (*therapeuo*) the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’**

What was the disciples’ experience (Luke 10:17)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What greater cause was there for rejoicing? What should be our focus as healers (Luke 10:18-20)? \_\_\_\_\_

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