WHY DO CHRISTIANS GET SICK?

2 Timothy 4:20

Introduction:_____

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Two guiding influences from God's Word regarding healing:

1. **First, God ***alone*** is our Healer!**

2. **Secondly, God can heal ***miraculously*** or with medicine Cor therapy or with a combination of both!**

With that understanding, then: Why Do Christians Get Sick?

I. FIRST, BECAUSE WE LIVE ON AN IMPERFECT *PLANET* (Genesis 3:14-19; Luke 13:1-4; Romans 8:20-22(.

II. SECONDLY, BECAUSE WE LIVE WITH AN IMPERFECT *PEOPLE*, WHO MAKE *POOR* CHOICES (2 Chronicles 26; Daniel 4; 1 Corinthians 11:27-30).

III. THIRDLY, BECAUSE WE HAVE AN INPERFECT *ENEMY* (Job 1—2; Acts 10:39).

"Indeed, I can say with complete truth that everything I've learned in my 75 years, everything that has truly enhanced and enlightened my existence has been through affliction and not through happiness."

IV. FOURTHLY, BECAUSE WE GET TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S *GLORY* (John 9:1-41; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10).

Note 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 the benefits that can bring glory to the Lord, coming out of the problems, pain, and chronic illnesses in the life of the believer:

A. First, notice the *pain* of Paul's suffering (12:7).

1. First, notice the *personality* of his suffering (12:7b).
2. Secondly, notice the *place* of his suffering (12:7b) ***". . . the flesh . . ."***
3. Thirdly, notice the *persistence* of his suffering (12:7c) ***". . . buffet . . ."***

B. Secondly, note the *purpose* for his suffering (12:7a).

1. First, it was to *rejuvenate* his faith (12:7a).
2. Secondly, it was to _____ his faith (12:8).

C. Thirdly, note some _____ during his suffering (12:9).

1. First, there is the promise of divine _____ (12:9a).
2. Secondly, there is the promise of divine _____ (12:9b).

D. Fourthly, note some _____ for his suffering (12:9b-10).

1. First, there is the prize of _____ (12:9b).
2. Secondly, there is the prize of _____ (12:10).
3. Thirdly, there is the prize of _____ (12:10).