

“Hindering God's Healing”

John 5:1-16

Other Passovers: John 2:23, 6:4, 11:55

John 5:3b-5: Scripture or not?

Barriers to healing (spiritual healing, primarily):

Lack of opportunity (v. 7)

Lying to ourselves

Victim mentality, attention, self-defeating

Comparing to others

Spiritual healing: 2 Peter 1:2-4

Lack of desire

Why don't we want to be healed?

Pleasure

Ease

Pride

Sin

Sin: What kind of sins could disable physically?

1. Sexual

2. Substance abuse

3. Laziness: Prov. 10:26, 15:19, Matt. 25:14-30

4. Self-defeating behavior

5. Camraderie: Romans 1:32, 1 Cor. 15:33

6. God's punishment: 1 John 5:16, Acts 5:1-11,

James 5:19-20, Prov. 11:19, 13:14, 19:16, 1 Cor. 11:30

7. Anger, frustration

8. Transgender, goth

Power: rules, laws (v. 10)

Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-6

Don't acknowledge Christ and Who He is

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John 5:1-16, Questions to Consider

1. What ways can I overcome lack of opportunities I think I have in my life to serve God?
2. What desires keep me from serving God?
3. What rules, laws, or power prevent me from serving God, and what could I do about it?
4. What are some specific reasons people I know don't want Jesus as Savior?
5. After praying for people I know who don't want Jesus as Savior, and yielding to the Holy Spirit, how can I begin to persuade them otherwise?