

Becoming a Miracle Worker

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Intro to Miracles

Miracles Are Real & Natural

- Miracles are real
 - In all cultures and religions
 - Ancient texts make like magical, unscientific (real)
 - Make it difficult to accept
 - Christianity is different, not magical

Understanding the Word of God & Miracles

- Removing the layers of ignorance & confusion to experience them
 - You must see, perceive and conceptualize miracles before believing them
 - The laws governing miracles have never changed – They are revealed in the Bible
 - Modern scientific research and advances do not discredit the reality of miracles but support it, e.g.
 - Effect of prayer
 - The impact of emotions
 - Mind-Body connection
- Biblical perspective and understanding as presented by Jesus
- New Testament
 - Word of God = Logos – Concept and ideas, not the letter
 - The words themselves are not magical formulas, holy or valuable beyond their ability to move us past intellectual data into experiential reality
 - 1Cor.3:6 – The letter kills but the spirit gives life
 - Integrating these concepts into our lives in a functional way –
 - Becoming the Word Made Flesh (Jn.1:14)

Developing as a Miracle Maker

- Fulfilling Jesus prophecy – Jn.14:11-14 – Greater works
- Mk.16:14-16-20 – These signs shall follow
 - True for all believers

Only Believe

Children & Miracles

- Small children easily receive healing but loose this ability as they grow up
 - Mk.10:15, Lk.18:17 – Receiving the Kingdom as a little child
 - Learning to think like children
- WE WERE CREATED AS WE SHOULD FUNCTION but we loose it
 - As children we can relate to God and have creativity and imagination
 - In the process of growing up we loose our abilities as we are conditioned by our society
 - Religion teaches us that the abilities inherent to all men are only for a few who adhere to some religious lifestyle, ascetic discipline or code of perfectionism
 - The priest used this strategy to GAIN POWER by controlling and manipulating the people
 - If we believe that something is hard, it is.
 - “Whether we think that we can or that we can’t, we are right.” (Henry Ford),
- JESUS THOUGHT JUST THE OPPOSITE
 - Only believe – Mk.5:36, Lk.8:50
 - If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believe – Mk.9:23
 - Before performing a miracle Jesus often asked, “Do you believe that I can do this?” Mt.9:28
 - He was upset with those who made things difficult – Mt.23:4, Lk.11:46
 - Mt.11:30 – My yoke is easy, my burden is light

ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR INDOCTRINATION?

- **ADULTS LIVE IN AN ILLUSION OF REALITY**
 - We have exchanged the truth and what works for man's theories.
 - Now we are slaves of our intellect
 - The control of the priest is passed over to the scientists
 - Traditional science limits reality to the visible
 - ✦ Newtonian Mechanics - Deterministic
 - New science dealing with atomic and subatomic physics found new laws that properly interpreted point to Biblical truth
 - ✦ Quantum physics has expanded the scope reality
 - Neurobiology starts finding the connection of the emotions and the body, which the Bible describes
- **PEOPLE CLING TO THEIR VIEW AND DIE, RATHER THAN CHANGE AND LIVE**
- **Children do not need an explanation for what works**
 - To become like children we must learn to accept what is, even if this does not fit in our life-view
 - Accepting reality is accepting what is and what works, not the explanation or model
 - ✦ THE MAP IS NOT THE TERRITORY
- **WHAT IS MIRACULOUS FOR OTHERS BECOMES NATURAL FOR THE MIRACLE WORKER**
 - A different perspective produces different results
 - Don't be limited by limited scientific thinking or religious thinking
 - Learn to think like a child

Questions to Consider

1. Why is Jn.1:14 important to understand miracles?
2. Why does Mk.16:16-20 apply to us today?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of little children with regard to the Kingdom of Heaven?
4. "Only believe" seems very simple to implement. What are the hindrances we must face?
5. How can Mt.11:30 help us in our daily walk?
6. Why is working miracles not a matter of being right or wrong? Can you give a Scripture to support this view?