





How does this relate to physicians and dentists and others involved in medical work? Are medical workers included in this commission? We have a compelling quote by Ellen White that provides our connection to the gospel commission.

"The truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, meaning with increasing power, as we approach the great final test. This test must come to the churches in connection with the true medical missionary work, a work that has the great Physician to dictate and preside in all it comprehends." 1888 1710.

Our theme text Zechariah 4:6 says, "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts." We have feeble ability, scant resources and are overwhelmed by the magnitude of the needed work. This text tells us that God's purposes will be attained not by human "might" or "power", but by His own Spirit and His own power.

"In describing to His disciples, the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail."

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We will study the office work of the Holy Spirit in three areas: **HEALING, UNITY, AND FREEDOM.** To do this we will draw inspiration from the Book of Acts written by Luke the physician. But first we will look to Jesus the Divine Physician as He entered His ministry on earth.



1. "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. We must have the holy unction from God, the baptism of his Spirit; for this is the only efficient agent in the promulgation of sacred truth. It is the Spirit of God that quickens the lifeless faculties of the soul to appreciate heavenly things and attracts the affections toward God and the truth." GW92 370.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing." 1SM 121 (1887).

Consider the above two quotes. They start out with the identical first sentence but continue with different emphases. First, what is each saying and then how would you apply the truths in the passages to yourself as a physician, dentist or busy medical professional?

2.	Read the following passages and describe how they relate to the quotes above. Additionally, discuss the healing Jesus saw necessary for His disciples. (Acts 1:4-8, Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:12-14).
3.	Read Matthew 3:13-17. Why was Jesus baptized?

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee unto Jordan, to be baptized of John. And John forbade Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." In fulfilling "all righteousness," Christ did not bring all righteousness to an end. He fulfilled all the requirements of God in repentance, faith, and baptism, the steps in grace in genuine conversion. In His humanity Christ filled up the measure of the law's requirements. He was the head of humanity, its substitute and surety. Human beings, by uniting their weakness to the divine nature of Christ, may become partakers of His character." 21MR 196

What are some things that surprised you about this quote? How can we apply this to our own Christian experience? What do we learn from this quote about the first work of the Holy Spirit that must be done in our lives especially as medical professionals?
"When he came up out of the water, he knelt down on the banks of the Jordan, and offered a prayer such as had never before entered heaven. While he was praying, the heavens opened, and the glory of God, in the form of a dove of burnished gold, rested upon him, and from the highest heaven was heard the voice of the infinite One, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." GCB APRIL 4, 1901. In your group, discuss the events recorded in this quote and their relationship to the quote above?
Jesus "fulfilled all the requirements of God in repentance, faith, and baptism, the steps in grace in genuine conversion", and then the Holy Spirit descended very much like Pentecost.

•	Read Acts 2:36-38 and Galatians 2:20 and describe how these texts her and transform our lives? As we consider our theme text, Zechariah 4:6, how does confession, repentance and faith prepare us for the mighty working of the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be crucified with Chris
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	"Put away all doubt. Dismiss your fears, obtain the experience that Pauhad when he exclaimed, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself forme." Galatians 2:20. Surrender everything to Christ, and let your life be hid with Christ in God. Then you will be a power for good." GW92 371



"My brethren, the Lord calls for unity, for oneness. We are to be one in the faith. I want to tell you that when the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the worst evil that can be placed there. Our medical missionaries ought to be interested in the work of our conferences, and our conference workers ought to be as much interested in the work of our medical missionaries."—MANUSCRIPT 46,

does "one accord" mean? How do the verses in Luke give us insight into
what produces "one accord"?

"The disciples prayed with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men and in their daily intercourse to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ. Putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. They drew nearer and nearer to God, and as they did this, they realized what a privilege had been theirs in being permitted to associate so closely with Christ. Sadness filled their hearts as they thought of how many times they had grieved Him by their slowness of comprehension, their failure to understand the lessons that, for their good, He was trying to teach them." AA 37

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to verse 17, 22-23), Ephesians 4:11-14? What is the work of the Holy	
What is the basis of unity? What is the purpose of unity?	σρ

"The Comforter is called "the Spirit of truth." His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus He becomes the Comforter. There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus, He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself." DA 671.

Freedom

When we think of freedom, one picture could be that of running through a meadow, arms wide open, running as fast as you can, face upturned into the sun, nothing holding back your joy, no fear, just joy. Acts Chapter 2:14 – 4:31 gives that same sense. It recounts the most amazing transformation and work of the disciples who prior to the steps taken in Acts chapter one, would have been impossible for them to achieve. Prior to the events of Chapter one, they were fearful, contentious, prideful, debating which of them would have the highest place in the kingdom and which of them would sit on the right or left hand of their Master. Jealousy, evil surmising, and self-reliance was their modus operandi. They hadn't even grasped the Messiah's mission which would now be theirs. Amazingly, Jesus knew that the forty days He had spent with them would be transformative.

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	quoting of David in verse 25? (SEE: LUKE 24:27, 44-45).

"These days of preparation were days of deep heart searching. The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ had promised." AA 37

9.	After reading Acts 3:1-10, Acts 4:5-10, discuss what specific attribute in these passages is vital to allow the Holy Spirit to have freedom in our
	lives? How does Zechariah 4:6 support this attribute? What did Peter have
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	in Acts 3:6?

God cannot turn up the volume on a heart full of self. When Peter preached with freedom and Holy boldness, there was none of self, and thousands were converted in a day. When he and John healed the man, Peter exclaimed that it was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom they crucified, it was by Him that the man stood before them whole. The Holy Spirit had done His work of renouncing pride and self in the hearts of the disciples.

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"The Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart. The Infinite One revealed Himself in power to His church. It was as if for ages this influence had been held in restraint, and now Heaven rejoiced in being able to pour out upon the church the riches of the Spirit's grace. And under the influence of the Spirit, words of penitence and confession mingled with songs of praise for sins forgiven. Words of thanksgiving and of prophecy were heard. All heaven bent low to behold and to adore the wisdom of matchless, incomprehensible love. Lost in wonder, the apostles exclaimed, "Herein is love." They grasped the imparted gift. And what followed? The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief. Thousands were converted in a day." AA 38

10. Quietly read the following quote.

"Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord's promise; they talk about Christ and about the Holy Spirit yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies. We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people "to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13. But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive." DA 672.

with God? What habits prevent you from total submission to the work of the Holy Spirit? What are the changes needed? Who or what will support you as you seek to live by His Spirit?
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