

The T-O-U-C-H of God

“And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.” I Sam. 10:26

I. T-ransforms

“...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature” (II Cor. 5:17).

- A. The touch of God brings forgiveness of sins to those who repent and believe. It brings cleansing and power to those who yield themselves totally to God.
- B. The transforming touch of God makes everything new. We receive a new life in Christ Jesus, new desires, new activities, and a new hope of eternal life (II Cor. 5:17).

II. O-rdains

“... I have ... ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit...” (John 15:16).

- A. Many Christians fail because they do not work for God. Some think only ministers are to witness to the unsaved and win them to Christ.
- B. The touch of God ordains all Christians into God's service. Everyone can share something for God - a smile, a prayer, a helping hand.

III. U-nifies

“...how good ... it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Ps. 133:1).

- A. Many churches fail because their members do not work together; they are divided. Some pull in one direction, and others in another direction.
- B. The touch of God brings harmony and love. It enables us to accomplish God's work in “the unity of the Spirit” (Eph. 4:2, 3).

IV. C-onquers

“... we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom 8:37).

- A. Many Christians give up too easily. They throw up their hands and quit when they are persecuted, rebuked, or when they fail to get their own way.
- B. The touch of God gives us courage to conquer. Christ furnishes the strength which enables us to “keep on keeping on” (Phil. 4:13).

V. H-eals

“And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him ...” (Matt. 8:3).

- A. Many have never experienced divine healing because of a lack of faith. We cannot expect to please God or receive blessings from Him without faith (Heb. 11:6) “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
- B. The touch of God brings physical, mental, and spiritual healing. We receive God's touch through reading His Word, praying, believing, accepting, and obeying (Matt. 9:29) “Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith be it unto you.**”

Illustration: Having the prescription and not having it filled. Having the cure and using it.