



Why Care for the Whole Person?

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In His Image-

- What does that mean to you?
- How do you reflect the Image of Christ?
- Jesus was the **Great Physician**, does that impact the way you practice medicine?
- Is it impacting the **Health** of the patients you see?



111 John 2

- Beloved I pray that in ALL respects you may prosper
- And Be in Health
- Even as your Soul prospers



I Thessalonians 5:23

- Now may the God of Peace Himself sanctify you Entirely
- And may your Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved Complete
- Without Blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ



We were created In His Image...

- He is Triune in being
 - Body
 - Soul
 - Spirit
- Therefore as He is, so are we



Whole Person Care

- An illness has physical, mental, emotional, social, religious, and spiritual dimensions
- The causes of illness are multi-dimensional
- Therapy, therefore, should involve every dimension
- Healing is always the goal



Jesus is our Model

- He preached the Good News
- He taught the people
- He healed those who were sick
- He gave this mandate to us
- We are the body of Christ through whom Jesus continues His work today



How Jesus healed people

- He healed the whole person
- Body, mind, soul, and spirit
- Modern medicine does not do this
- Even Christian medical care does not care for the whole person



Problem with Jesus' Model

- Jesus never had to deal with HMO's
- It takes a lot of time to minister health to the triune being
- Typically, physicians do not have this time
- It takes trained people, typically physicians have not been trained in this area



Churches have Healing Services

- To teach about God's power to heal
- To pray for healing
- To bring the church and healing together
- To save and to cure
- Prayer without a diagnosis



Current Approaches

HOSPITAL

Chaplaincy

CHURCH

Healing
services

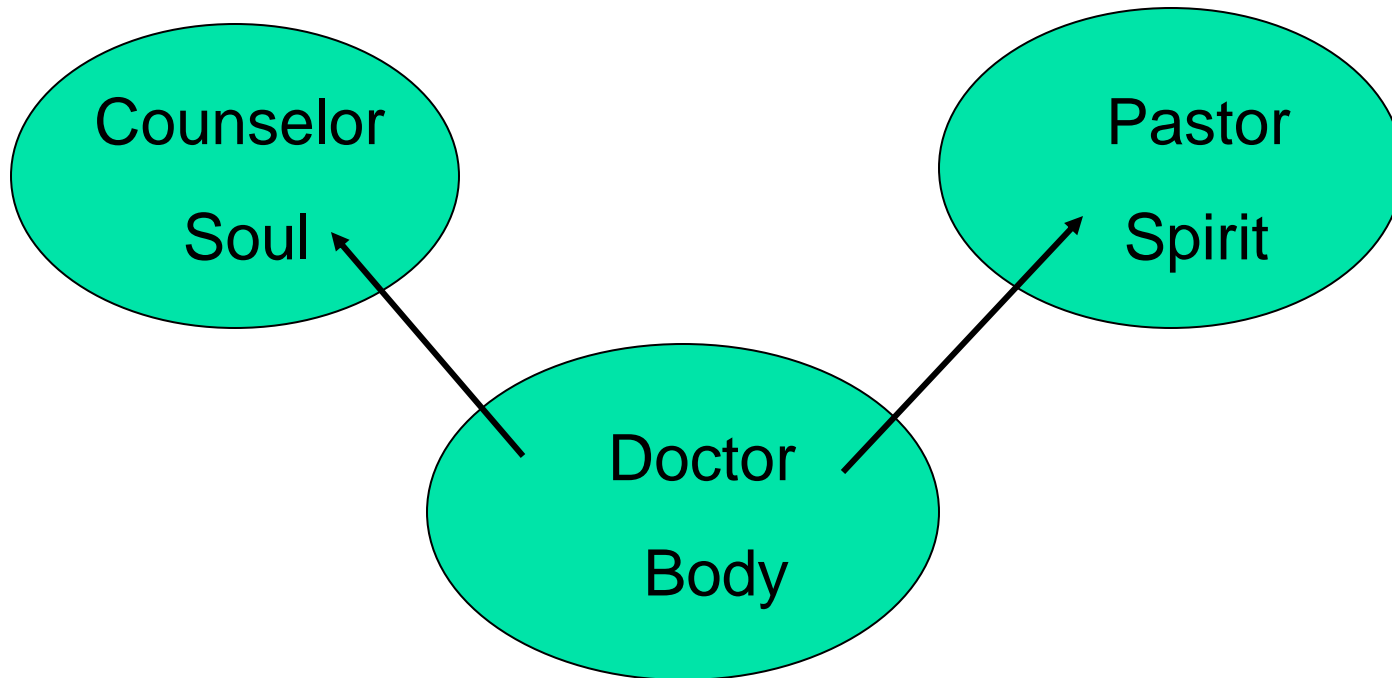


Problem of the Excluded Middle

- Care is given for the body and for the spirit
- No one cares for the soul
- Feelings
- Emotions
- Social relationships
- We must learn to care for the soul as we care for the body and the spirit



Our Divided Approach





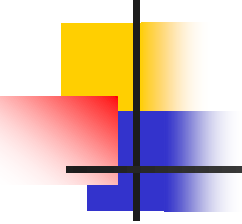
Body, Soul, Spirit

- Fit together in a complete union
- We cannot separate body from soul or from spirit
- Each dimension influences the other
- Sickness in the body affects the soul (feelings) and spirit (will)
- Sickness in the soul or spirit can affect the body



The Solution

- A team approach
- Medical staff plus
- Trained pastoral caregivers



We are called to work together with Him as ambassadors to reconcile the world to Him, and urged NOT to receive the grace of God in vain



Ambassador

- Any Official Messenger or representative with some special errand
- Any member of a particular group thought of as representing the qualities, traits or habits of his group



The Issue is...

Obedience!



Reasons or Excuses?

- Time – probably the number one reason, Christian health care providers do not present the Gospel to their patients.
- Yet the Gospel can be presented in about two minutes
- Therefore, most of the responsibility of sharing will fault to the Lay Minister



Ethical Dilemma?

- For whom? Col 3:23-24
- Studies support, people who have faith, have better health



You can always share your testimony

- Your testimony is Yours, therefore is irrefutable
- Usually somewhere along the line, there is an identification
- Makes you more real to the one with whom you are speaking



How should we share?

1. Realize what you have
2. Realize why you have been saved
3. Realize it is Spiritual Malpractice to not give patients the answers and point them in the direction of the Cross
4. Look for the window of opportunity and Go through it
5. ALWAYS take a spiritual history
6. Always offer to pray



Realize it is ...

- Spiritually Wrong not to give them the answers and point them in the direction of Cross
- It is also contrary and disobedient to the Word of God



Realize what you have

- Recognize the “Great Exchange” occurs at the Cross
II Cor 5:21; 17-20; 6:1-2



Great Exchange

- Old carnal man
- Our sin
- 11 Cor 5:17;21
Micah 7:7-9
- New creature in Christ
- His righteousness



Great Exchange

- Disappointment
- Helplessness
- Sin
- Enemies
- Hope, Love
Holy Spirit
- Christ' death
- Justification
- Peace and Love of
God
Rom 5:5-11



Great Exchange

- Temptation
- Despondency
- Sins
- Evil
- A way of escape
1 Cor 10:13
- Grace and Peace
- Himself
- Deliverance
Gal 1:3,4



Great Exchange

- Depression
- Sickness
- Joy unspeakable and full of Glory
- Glory and the Lifter of my head Ps 3:3
- Health
1 Peter 2:24



Jesus came to...

Destroy the Works of the enemy 1
John 3:8



What are those works?

- John 10:10
- What are the fruits?
- What is it leading to?
 - Loss
 - Death?
 - Destruction?



The Patients' Needs

- Need for Salvation
- Hope
- Peace
- Wholeness



Realize why you have been saved

- The gift of Grace is the gift the world needs
- The gift our patients are seeking
- Scripture urges us (Begs us), NOT to receive it in Vain



What are you doing with that grace?

- Are we consumed with the Love of Christ – such that it compels us to share the Gospel with our patients?

Ps 69:9 : 11 Cor. 5:14-15

or...



Are you committing
Spiritual Malpractice?



Always Take a Spiritual History

- Make it a routine part of your Social history
 - Do you smoke? Drink? How much?
 - Are you married? How long? Happily?
 - What kind of work do you do?
 - Any church or religious preference?



Church/Religious Preference

- Very non-threatening, Flows naturally
- Helps locate the patient spiritually
- Then follow up questions...



Prayer

- ALWAYS offer to pray
 - When people are sick, they are very open to prayer
 - Surveys reveal 88% of patients wished their doctors would discuss Spiritual issues with them
 - 86% of patients going to surgery wanted their doctors to pray with them before surgery



Prayer

- Prayer is entering consciously into a reciprocal relationship with God in order to cooperate with Him in accomplishing His purposes
- ALWAYS ask permission of a person to pray



Prayer

- Know God's will
- It is His will to Heal
 - 1 Peter 2:24
 - Psalm 91:14-16
- God does hear our prayers
 - James 5:16
- Physical Healing does not always come- Rom 8:28
- Heart healing is sometimes more crucial



Why are prayers sometimes not answered?

- God is sovereign, we are not
- God knows everything, and His plan for us is good
 - Hebr 11:6; Matt 7:7-11
- It is possible, we are not praying the will of God



Seemingly UNANSWERED PRAYERS

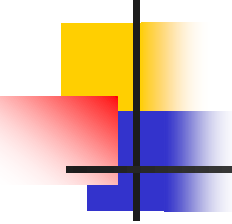
- We may have obstacles in the way of prayer
 - Sin Isa 59:1,2
 - Lack of Faith Mark 11:22-24
 - Unforgiveness Mark 11:25



Before entering prayer

- Ask is there anything else specifically we could pray about?
- You obviously believe in God, do you also believe in Jesus

Do you believe Jesus died on the cross?



A few more diagnostic questions...

- Why did He die on the cross?
- Have you ever asked Him into your heart as your Savior?
- Do you believe when you die, you'll go to Heaven? On what are you basing that?



You've done it... now what?

- Share with them No one gets to the Father except through the Son Jn 14:6
- All of us have sinned Rom 3:23
- But... the gift of God is eternal life Rom 6:23
- God loves us Rom 5:8



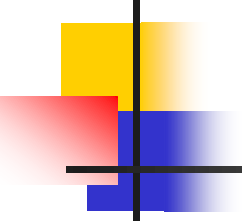
Sealing the Deal...

- Ask if they would like to ask Jesus into their life as their personal Savior
- Rev 3:20
- Jn 1:12
- **IT'S TIME TO OPEN THEIR CHRISTMAS PRESENT!**



Assurance

- Ask the patient where is Jesus now?
- Have them realize their adoption papers are signed, they just became a child of God
- He will NEVER leave them Hebr. 13:5,6



The Gospel is the Power
of God for salvation to
everyone who believes...