

Mark 1:30-31

But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

How many of you will agree that Jesus is the great physician?

If you agree then raise your hand. Now how many of you will raise this same hand to help someone in need? You may still have your hand raised. But the question is, have you?

Many come to church and treat it like a hospital wanting to be healed, not only physically but spiritually also. The thing is, many of us have been healed, but we still lay there like we are still sick, refusing to get up and do anything.

Look at today's devotional verses again and tell me, after Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, did she just lay there soaking up all that Jesus said like a sponge, refusing to serve others, or did she listen to Jesus teach as well as serve?

How many has the Lord touched and healed of certain things in our lives, and out of so called thankfulness we sit there in church soaking up God's word but never sharing it with others or ministering to others?

You can say that the church is like a hospital with the great physician being in charge. If this is true, let's get off of our sickbeds, because we have been healed by Jesus, and let's start ministering to those who are in need of the great physicians healing touch, just like we were healed.

- † **Isaiah 58:7 (NLT2)** *Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.*
- † **Romans 12:13 (NLT2)** *When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.*
- † **Acts 20:35 (NLT2)** *And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*