

## Assignment for *Doing Healing*, by Alexander Venter

**1)** In the preface to *Doing Healing*, Venter states that to one degree or another, we are all wounded healers. Write your own story of healing. Recall any childhood woundedness and life turning points, as God has given you insight. Recollect key elements in your own healing journey and possible next steps in your healing process. What is God saying to you? Share this journey with your mentor.

**2)** Summarize the theology of sickness and healing that Venter explains in Part 2 of *Doing Healing*. How has this informed your view of healing? What are the implications for doing healing prayer ministry? What is our part? Be specific.

**3)** In section 3 of *Doing Healing*, Venter deals with praxis and a five-step ordinary believer model for praying for healing. Using this model as a guideline, and with a team of two or three others (if appropriate), pray healing prayer for 10 people.

- Identify which aspect/s of healing you are ministering to according to Venter's six categories (chapters 14-19): ministering healing to the spirit, healing to the emotions, deliverance from demonization, healing to the body, healing to relationships, or healing to the dying and the dead.

Venter has emphasized that we are complex and holistic beings, and that healing is more a process than an event. We are integrated physically, spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.

- Record in a notebook the presenting problem.
- Record any further developments through prayer and discernment, including factors that demonstrate our integrated being. E.g. physical sickness can at times be an indication of unforgiveness, or relational difficulties may be rooted in rejection or self pity, etc
- Discern and record any indications of spiritual or human phenomena, as outlined in chapter 20, "Discernment".
- What was the person's feedback as you checked with him/her?
- If there was not an immediate change or evidence of healing, was there any positive feedback later?
- What follow up or continuing plan was put in place, if any, depending on the person and the problem discerned or revealed.

Present your documentation and also write a summary of what you have learned in the process.

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