



HEALER WITH THE HEART OF JESUS

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As healthcare professionals, we are invested by society with power through our degrees, our diplomas and our titles. As Christians, we possess God's healing power in the Holy Spirit given as a gift. In order to use these powers jointly and effectively for the glory of God in the care and the healing of the sick, we need God's wisdom; His compassion and His healing love.

Becoming the healer with the heart of Jesus offers us the hope of the integration of these powers.

Let us truly submit ourselves to the lordship of Jesus Christ, and be empowered by His Holy Spirit.

As a member of ACT, we are called to that commitment.

Our vision beckons us to make a radical commitment to Jesus Christ: to be united in Him, in our support and love for each other, to care for and heal the sick, and to proclaim the Good News of His healing love.

What does it mean to be a healer with the heart of Jesus? What does it mean to be his disciple, as a Christian health care professionals? Romans, Chapter 12, "life in God's service," offers an answer to these questions, and model of the hope!

QUALITIES OF A P

1) SELF-SACRIFICE

To dedicate ourselves and our professional skills to the glory of God at all times.

“Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service, and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship you should offer.” Romans 12:1

2) MIND

To be able to discern God’s will and be guided by His wisdom, in our daily work.

“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let me transform you inwardly, by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God – what is good and is pleasing to Him, and is perfect.” Romans 12:2

3) ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE

To see the whole person, to put the interests of patients’ well-being before self, to listen attentively, to be grateful for many gifts we have received, and for the privilege of serving God in our patients and clients.

“Because of God’s gracious gift to me, I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should.” Romans 12:3

“Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourself as wise.” Romans 12:16

HEALER'S HEART

4) INTEGRITY

To be always sincere, authentic, trustworthy, respectful and hardworking.

“Love must be completely sincere: be eager to show respect for one another. Work hard and do not be lazy.” Romans 12:9-11

5) HEART

To be loving, compassionate, caring, joyful, patient, prayerful, devotional, hopeful and forgiving.

“Serve the Lord with heart full of devotion. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.” Romans 12:15

6) UNITY

To be united in body, mind and spirit; to be united with one another in Christ, as a faith community of ACT.

“We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other, as different parts of one body.” Romans 12:4-5

7) GIFT

To call forth and empower the gift of our professional skills, our talents and our expertise in accordance with God's grace.

“We are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.” Romans 12:7

These seven qualities constitute what I believe to be some of the main characteristics of “the healer with the heart of Jesus.” It gives us something to aspire to, to build on and to put into practice.

I believe, as individuals, we possess all these qualities to a greater or lesser degree. It therefore becomes imperative for us to help each other, old and new members alike, in our chapters and regions, in becoming “healers with the heart of Jesus!” Come Holy Spirit, and fill out hearts!

In doing so, our identity becomes clearer, our unity in the body of Christ more real and our mission more complete.

I invite our specialty groups to lead us in the development and empowerment of our spiritual gifts expressed through our professions, to our churches and to our governments.

I invite our prophets to guide us, to enlighten us and to call us forth with the word of God.

I invite every member of ACT, present and past, to participate in fulfilling the mission of ACT; the transformation of health care professionals into “Healers with the Heart of Jesus.”

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