"And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My Name they will drive out demons; they will speak with new languages; they will pick up serpents, and even if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick and they will get well." (Amplified Bible)

Mark 16:17 is indeed a tremendously encouraging and helpful passage within God's Word for the believing Christian. It shows the Christian that he has power over Satan and his demonic powers and forces, that he has power over the animal kingdom, should this be necessary, and even over the chemical and atomic kingdoms of the cosmos. It demonstrates the fact that when one can supernaturally, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, speak in unknown tongues, he has a faculty which allows him to pray in a supernatural fashion even beyond the abilities of his cerebral cortex (see also Romans 8:26-27 and I Corinthians 14:4).

On one occasion when I was speaking on the subject of the ability of the Christian to heal through the laying on of hands, I was told by a minister that Mark 16:17, 18, and other verses between 16:9-19 were not in his Bible. He said that he reads from the Revised Standard Version. On checking the validity of his statement, I found that it is true that in the Revised Standard edition of the Bible, Mark 16:9-19 is a footnote stating that other texts and versions "add as 16:9-20 the following passage:"... It then gives the scripture basically as it is written in the King James Version. Incidentally, the Revised Standard Version also adds this statement, "Other ancient authorities add after verse 8, the following: 'But they reported briefly to Peter and those with him all that they had been told. After this, Jesus Himself, sent out by means of them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.'" If one is not a footnote reader, or if he does not have very good eyesight, this most important aspect of God's Word in the Revised Standard Version may be completely missed.

Beyond this, I was riding along in my car recently, and heard a minister who obviously had within his cerebral cortex, certainly not his spirit, a definite feeling against the various signs of a believer listed in Mark 16. From what he said, he was deeply opposed to any idea of demons, he did not believe in speaking in tongues, and certainly did not believe in the laying on of hands for healing. He particularly took exception to the verses concerning the picking up of serpents and the drinking of any deadly thing. He stated that these scriptures even as accepted as being part of Scripture are entirely "parabolic." I immediately went to the dictionary to see what parabolic meant, because to me this indicated that Jesus was saying that these verses have something to do with mathematics. Indeed parabolic does refer to a parabola but also does allow the term to be used with reference to a parable. A parable in the dictionary is described in brief as "a short story carrying a clear moral." I find it most difficult to conceive how anyone, including that minister, can tell me how these expressions of our Lord have anything to do with the telling of a story to illustrate a moral or a principle. Jesus was simply giving a series of flat statements of things which, in this difficult age in which we live, a Christian is going to be capable of doing if he is placed in the position of having to act as a Christian against the forces of darkness and evil. These forces of darkness and evil are the forces of Satan and his demonic powers: the power of the non-spiritual intellect which holds preeminence over spirituality; the ability of the Christian, particularly on the mission field to have dominion over the animal kingdom (including serpents or any other kind of animal force from virus to the larger mammals) should it be necessary for him to exercise God's power for self or for others protection. Concerning drinking anything deadly or poisonous; anyone who has been on the mission field or in situations where it was necessary that he eat or drink that which was offered to him, does feel protected by the Lord, if it is necessary for one to partake of something which could conceivably be contaminated or even poisonous. (Certainly one would not tempt God by voluntarily drinking a poisonous substance or handling a poisonous viper in any kind of a pseudo-religious rite.) Finally, the most wonderful promise is that of healing the sick. For those of us who have been honoring this particular scripture in our lives, many of us as physicians or nurses, are aware of the fact that there is a divine power acting through the human spirit that is carried into the psycho-soma of the sick or dying patient which has

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tremendous power of healing conveyed to the suffering person. Consider in this context James 5:16, "The earnest heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available - dynamic in its working."

Consider this statement by Dr. C. Everett Koop in his chapter "Faith Healing And The Sovereignty Of God," pages 176 & 177 in "The Agony Of Deceit," published recently by Moody Press, "Now I know that all healing comes from God, but if we are to pursue this matter of faith healing so that I do not have any questions, this is what I want to see; I want to see a person with one leg suddenly ("immediately") have two. In fact, I want to see a person cold, flat out dead, get up and walk. Now it is not that I want to see these miracles take place just to satisfy my own curiosity. I want to see them happen in such a way that there's no praise contributed to the faith healer. I want to see it done in a situation that is not a carnival. Now if all these conditions were in place, I expect that a healing service would occur very much in private." Just what is Dr. Koop saying in this instance? He is asking God to defy His own laws regarding the healing function of the human body. If man were a newt, he could grow a new tail, if the original tail were amputated. However, in the providence of God, new arms and new legs do not spontaneously reappear after amputation. Dr. Koop knows this and every person who understands the physiology and functioning of the human body understands this. But he is asking that this occur in order to make him believe in "faith healing." He also wants to see someone who is "flat out dead" brought back to life. Doubtless he is the kind of individual who even if he saw such a thing occur would have grave doubts concerning it. In my practice, I was once called upon to declare a child deceased after she had been declared dead by the nurses on the pediatric floor of Bay City General Hospital. After the passage of doubtless several minutes after the death occurred according to the nurses, I arrived on the floor simply to declare the child dead, and prayed for the child and asked God to heal her. The child began to breathe and within a few days was well. This amazed me as it did the child's mother. Did not Jesus Himself say that by His power we would raise the dead?

I suppose that in this age of hypercerebralism, in which we live, that those in positions of authority in Medicine and in theological circles, will intellectually dissect out the power of the gospel, the healing message of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles. They will leave us with the historic documents of what happened centuries ago as we face an era in which if there ever was a need for faith and total belief in the Gospel undiluted, undissected, unamputated, uncot, and undissembled by members of the Christian Church, it is certainly now.

As for me and for my house we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15) We will also believe in the Word and the inviolability of the Scripture including its absolute relevance to our present era. As we come to the Christmas season, let us give our thanks to God for His matchless gift in giving His only begotten Son.

**CONCERNING CMF FINANCES**

As Christian Medical Foundation approaches the end of another year, we are looking toward the beginning of 1991 with all running expenses of CMF being paid. This has inevitably been true throughout the entire history of the Foundation and we are counting on the fact that we will again be able to start the new year with all of our expenses paid. The Foundation has no mortgages on its property but does have large expenses having to do with salaries, mailings, printing, payroll taxes, and constantly rising utility costs in our area. Please prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to Christian Medical Foundation some time in November and December to help us with a year-end need of approximately $50,000. If the 10,000 people on our mailing list would simply give a gift of $5.00 or if half those on the mailing list would give $10.00 per person, this need would be immediately met. Here in Florida we have had people spend as much as $20,000 buying lottery tickets in the vain hope of trying to become millionaires through the satanic system of gambling on the lottery. Personally, I would rather give my money, and my talent, my ability, and everything concerned with me, and my family, to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. This does not necessarily mean to the support of the Church in apostasy. If your Church has taken a position nationally which smacks of apostasy, consider making your major gifts to the Lord to organizations which are standing firm on the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. At year-end I want to thank the many generous friends of CMF who have so liberally and wonderfully given to this cause during the past year. Approximately 50% of the support of the Foundation comes from physicians and some of them have truly given sacrificially throughout the entire year. To them and to those who in two instances remembered Christian Medical Foundation in their bequests as they headed for Glory, I do most sincerely thank you all. God bless you and keep you. We pray that the upcoming holiday season may be indeed most wonderful and that 1991 will be a marvelous year for the Body of Christ.

**DESIRING SPIRIT-FILLED ASSOCIATE FAMILY PRACTITIONER.** Must believe in prayer and be a doctor of the whole person. Prayerfully someone in latter third of practice years.

**CONTACT:** Robert Hackman, M.D., 2215 Adams Circle, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, (615) 893-4212, 849-4654.
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL PHYSICIAN'S CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 1990 — CLEARWATER, FL

Medical students from parts of the United States and Canada speak to the doctors on "Medical Student Night".

Dr. Benjamin Carson of Johns Hopkins Univ. Hospital speaks on "Religion and Medicine: Can Oil and Water Be Mixed?"

Gordon Crozier received the 1990 Marion Griffin Jr. Memorial Scholarship while Dr. Marion Griffin and wife, Beth, watched.

Dr. Peter Knight of the University of South Florida addresses the conference.

Ephraim McDowell award recipient for 1990, Michael Elmore, M.D. is a Gastroenterologist from Indiana.

Candy Carson shares her virtuosity with the CMF doctors after dinner.

Dr. George Kaufman and wife Barbara enjoy conversation with Kay before dinner.

Praise and worship after dinner.

Look, up on the stairs! It's security! It's the manager! No, it's the Ticketman!

Breakfast and dinner allowed time for fellowship.

Saturday's barbecue at CMF allowed time for relaxation with good food and bluegrass music.

Drs. Julio and Lucky Fuentes and family from Guatemala.
Dr. Herschel and Jeannette Rhodes model a new quilt with their grandsons.

The chef resting in the shade.

Drs. Arthur and Micheline Caron.

The L.A. decorated for Christmas.

The water's not THAT cold!

Mike Elmore, the auctioneer.

David Thornton and Ron Rasmussen fold a quilt.

The Winners!!

Anna Mary Oberholtzer models the latest in quilt fashion.

At the auction.

I bid $2,000!

The Luau.
DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LITTLEST ANGEL,

Christmas Blessings to all our friends of the Littlest Angel. It is a wonderful experience to Bless our friends and to “Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me Bless His Holy Name.”

Christmas Blessings wished for our friends bring Peace, Hope, Expectancy and Joy; lovely gifts to give our friends for Christmas. We are so used to hearing the words, “Bless you.” They may not penetrate to the inner man, but the statement is true that we as believers should bless those God places in our path way especially at Christmastide.

How exciting to give this lovely gift of “Bless you” to our friends and those we meet each day as we shop or do the many chores the Christmas season requires. I’m sure the reaction will be a blessing returning to us.

The Adam’s Mark Hotel at Clearwater Beach was the location for our 18th Annual Conference. The doctors and their families enjoyed the beautiful gulf beaches each afternoon following the morning sessions. On Saturday the annual “All American Barbecue” was held at the CMF Center. This is always a special time with good food, ice cream, popcorn and even blue grass music. The highlight of the afternoon was our Pennsylvania Dutch quilt auction. Our own Anna Mary Oberholtzer brought back beautiful hand made quilts from the Lancaster area. This year Mildred and Harry Krause from Harrisonburg, Virginia donated a very special hand made quilt created by Evelyn Suter.

The Littlest Angel was a busy place and a huge success as the doctors and their wives did their annual Christmas shopping. The shop was brimming over with angels from all over the world: stained glass angels; "Possible Dream" angels; crystal; wood; marble; fabric angels of every description. There are James Avery angels and fine jewelry; unusual Christmas ornaments from Europe; Christmas books, cards and gift wrappings from Gifted Line and many other items. I just wish that you all could drop in and shop with us.

I want to personally thank each one who has helped with the Littlest Angel’s computer project. You have been so generous and the computer is a great asset to the shop.

This month we are offering three different size Wimberly stained glass angels. Each of these is hand made by Joyce of Wimberly with 24K gold electroplate trim. They are 9”, 4 3/4” and 1 13/16” tall. The small one may be worn as a pendant or with a scarf. A lovely gift for someone special on your list.

We will gift wrap and enclose a lovely Christmas card for you. Just let us know how many you would like and names and addresses of where they are to be sent.

May your Christmastide be Warm and Merry, filled with every Blessing of Peace, Joy, and Happiness.

Love,

Kay

TAPE OFFER

Conference Tapes
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   Twilah Fox, M.D.
   #90-1004, TF
2. BASIC COMPONENTS OF LOVE RELATIONSHIPS
   Al Harley, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.
   #90-1006, AH

Kay Reed’s Tape
1. STUDIES IN COLOSSIANS
   #90-1009, KR

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BOOK OFFER

We are offering two books for this newsletter issue. The first book will encourage Christians in their daily walk with Christ. Its title is Words of Faith for Daily living. The second book, The Battle for the Family by Tim LaHaye, discusses some of the critical problems faced by people trying to maintain a Christian home. Be sure not to miss either of these books.

Please send me:
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OPPORTUNITY FOR BE/BC OB/GYN to join successful, solo, caring, pro-life practice of OB/GYN/Fertility practitioner, 16 years duration in the north Atlanta suburbs. Tertiary level nursing available. Also seeking pro-life certified nurse midwife. Send cv or call. CONTACT: Paces Life OB/GYN/Infertility, 3964 South Atlanta Road, Smyrna GA 30080. (404) 432-2055.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN NEEDED. Treat patients of all socio-economical groups. CONTACT: William J. Mitchell, M.D., Director of Advocate Family Health Care Center, Inc., 2685 Florida Street, Mandeville, Louisiana 70448. (504) 626-1713.

INVASIVE CARDIOLOGIST SEeks committed, congenial group practice situation with excellent cardiac surgery available on-site desiring expertise in PTCA, nuclear, echoes, clinical research and/or teaching, etc. CONTACT: K. R. Weeks, M.D., 116 Park Knoll, Whitefish, MT 59937. (406) 862-1449 evenings.

GYNECOLOGIST NEEDED for stable, established practice. A chance to do well, away from snow and traffic. Excellent medical, cultural, and recreational facilities. CONTACT: Business Manager, Dale W. Ritter, M.D., Medical Corp., 975 East Avenue #56, Chico, CA 95926.

PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT SEeks POSITION in medicine or cardiology in Orlando/central Florida area. CONTACT: Doug Peeler, 3301-23C SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608, (904) 374-8123.

NEEDED CHRISTIAN, BOARD CERTIFIED (CLINICAL AND SURGICAL) PATHOLOGIST to join group in private hospital. CONTACT: Lynn Myers, M.D., 5501 N. Portland, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, (405) 946-8108.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 4 Indian Rocks Beach, Florida
Speaker - Dr. Reed Sunday 7:00 p.m., Order of St. Luke meeting, Calvary Episcopal Church, 1615 First Street. CONTACT: John Holman, (813) 461-1427.

14 Clearwater, Florida
Speaker - Dr. Reed Wednesday 10:00 a.m., "Religion in Medicine," Women's Group of Heritage United Methodist Church, 2680 Landmark Drive. CONTACT: Ms. Pauline Craig, (813) 786-7053.

DECEMBER 4 Nassau, BAHAMAS
Speaker - Dr. Reed speaks to the Medical Association of the Bahamas. Kay Reed: Tuesday, Church Women's Brunch. CONTACT: George Sherman, M.D., (809) 325-5437.

JANUARY 19 Cocoa, Florida
Speaker - Dr. Reed and Kay Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Healing Mission, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 4 Church Street, CONTACT: Ms. Cathy Watson, (407) 636-3782.

26 Daytona, Florida 7:30 p.m.
CMF Monthly Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Avenue.

"Nothing is medically right that is morally wrong."
William Jasper, M.D.
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