

## Jesus Healed because He cared

*Matthew 9 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. The*



*n he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest....*

Early on in my Christianity I received a misguided notion that Jesus healed people so that he can evangelize to them afterwards. After all no one wants to listen to the gospel on an empty stomach. However as I matured and developed a better understanding of the Bible, I have grown to believe that Jesus healed people because he cared for them .

As he began his ministry, Jesus quoted from the prophet to describe his work on earth, which was essentially to preach the good news and minister to people

*"Luke 4:18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed",'*

I believe the deeds Jesus performed were examples of the lesser used to declare a greater reality. In others God was saying that I not only care about your physical well-being in the here in now, I also care about your eternal well-being.

His compassion, and love for mankind moved him to heal the downtrodden masses. There was no hidden agenda, no strings attached no, “ if I do this , then you do that ” clauses.

People typically are moved to listen to someone whom they believe genuinely care about their well being. Which brings me to the application for today?

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While the old saying no cares how much you know, but would rather know how much you care is true, people don't like to be baited into an obligated sales pitch. Let our good deeds not be done as bargaining chips rather let us bless others because we have been so richly blessed.

-If they would have understood what these words meant-

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