

Another contemporary expression of this desire for a real, tangible God may be seen in the healing movement's emphasis on continuing miracles as a constant rather than an occasional feature of Christian experience, and the consequent temptation for those who claim the supernatural gift of healing to resort to deception and fraud when nothing miraculous seems to be happening in response to their praying and their laying on of hands. The movement is shot through and through with fraud. How many times have you seen on billboards or marquees or in newspaper advertisements the claim that during a series of meetings there will be "miracles every night!"?

Where do people get the audacity to make claims like that and to obligate God every night? No wonder there is a temptation toward fraud! Of course, that's how they get people to come to the meetings!

In the Bible we are taught that it is God who does miracles! He does them when and where and by whom He pleases. He has not turned over the power to perform miracles to any mere human being to use when and where that person wishes. Even during the first century, those who were given the supernatural gift of healing did not have the power to heal all persons at all times. And the reason was not because some people had strong faith and others had weak faith! The reason was that God did not choose to heal all sick persons. And He still does not. God's supernatural gifts always remain under His control, and they are exercised according to His will and His purpose.