The T-O-U-C-H of God

“And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.” I Sam. 10:26

I. T-ransforms
“…if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17).
A. The touch of God brings forgiveness of sins to those who repent and believe. It brings cleansing and power to those who yield themselves totally to God.
B. The transforming touch of God makes everything new. We receive a new life in Christ Jesus, new desires, new activities, and a new hope of eternal life (II Cor. 5:17).

II. O-rdains
“… I have … ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit…” (John 15:16).
A. Many Christians fail because they do not work for God. Some think only ministers are to witness to the unsaved and win them to Christ.
B. The touch of God ordains all Christians into God's service. Everyone can share something for God - a smile, a prayer, a helping hand.

III. U-nifies
“…how good … it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Ps. 133:1).
A. Many churches fail because their members do not work together; they are divided. Some pull in one direction, and others in another direction.
B. The touch of God brings harmony and love. It enables us to accomplish God's work in “the unity of the Spirit” (Eph. 4:2, 3).

IV. C-onquers
“… we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom 8:37).
A. Many Christians give up too easily. They throw up their hands and quit when they are persecuted, rebuked, or when they fail to get their own way.
B. The touch of God gives us courage to conquer. Christ furnishes the strength which enables us to “keep on keeping on" (Phil. 4:13).

V. H-eals
"And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him ..." (Matt. 8:3).
A. Many have never experienced divine healing because of a lack of faith. We cannot expect to please God or receive blessings from Him without faith (Heb. 11:6) “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
B. The touch of God brings physical, mental, and spiritual healing. We receive God’s touch through reading His Word, praying, believing, accepting, and obeying (Matt. 9:29) “Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.”

Illustration: Having the prescription and not having it filled. Having the cure and using it.