



“What does the Bible say ?”

1. Where does the Bible talk about this ?
2. What is the context of each passage ?
(refer to the 7 basic questions of context)
3. How can I apply this to my life today ?

What about getting medical help ?

The word “heal” (הִפָּק) is used in the Old Testament 72 times and 8 as “physician” or many times as “one who puts the pieces together”. The word “heal” (θεραπεύω) is used 45 times in the New Testament and “physician” (αἰσός) 6 times. So **the Bible is not silent** on the subject of medical restoration. In fact, Dr Luke is called ‘the beloved physician’ according to inspired Scripture (Co4v14).

God created humans (Ge1v27) with life (Ge2v7), but right from the start announced capital punishment for sin (Ge2v17 & Ro6v23). All illness is some form of fast or slow death (2Ki20v1). All “accidents” are destructive of health (Lk13v4). No one dies healthy (1Ki2v1-2). We all will die, because sin has infected the whole human race (1Co15v22). **Many suffer because of the sin of others** (Jn9v2-3). But, all bad health and death is a result of sin and is NOT God’s will (Ez33v11 & 2Pe3v9). So bad health is not just a matter of medicine, but of morals.

God often uses bad health (illness or accident) to get our attention (Jn5v14, etc.). It can be a form of discipline (Ps107v17-21, Pr3v11-12 & He12v11-14). It is a good time to examine **oneself** (1Co11v28-30). But, we are not to condemn others when they are sick or handicapped (Jn9v3). It might be for God’s glory !

Jesus did NOT heal everyone (Mt15v22-28), and only those who came to Him (Mt8v16, 12v15 & 30). Asking Him is essential (Mt7v7 & Ja4v2). So is using what He has created to care for the sick and wounded (Lu10v33-37). Anointing with oil (Ja5v14) is NOT a religious ritual, but a medical practice (Ps23v5 & Lu10v34). The Good Samaritan was neither religious nor even instructed in Judaism. So BOTH prayer, asking for healing, AND application of safe, tested medicine is biblical.

Because **much of psychology and psychiatry rejects God** and His moral standards (Ro1v22) there is a tendency to overdose in counselling AND medicine, out of desperation to solve mental problems. A quick fix (Ge9v21) often leads to a worse condition. Jesus suffered more than any man (Is52v14) and yet refused psychotic drugs (Ma15v23). His counsel is anticipating the joy (satisfaction) of victory (He12v2). Isn’t that what every “clean” athlete does (Ph3v13-14) ?