IS IT WRONG TO SEE A DOCTOR & TAKE MEDICINE?

Doctor: II Chronicles 16:12 - “(Asa) He sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.”

Matthew 9:12 (Luke 5:31) - “they that be whole, need not a physician, but they that are sick.”

Colossians 4:14 - “Luke, the beloved physician and Demas, greet you.”

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Medicine (or Remedies): Proverbs 17:22 - “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth up the bones.”

Jeremiah 8:22 - “Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?”

Note: Balm mentioned here was some type of soothing oil and also a type of the Holy Spirit.

Jeremiah 30:13 - “thou hast no healing medicines .”


Jimmy Swaggart’s Expositor’s Study Bible has some really good comments along these lines with the above scriptures in Ez. 47:12 & Rev. 22:2.

SOME REMEDIES USED IN BIBLE TIMES :

1) II Kings 20:7. Hezekiah healed by God using a “lump of figs” and laying it on a boil. He recovered.

2) Isaiah 1:6. This portion of scripture talks about how the wounds, bruises and sores have not been healed with the use of “ointment”.

3) Luke 19:34. The Good Samaritan used “oil and wine” pouring it over the wounds of the injured man.
NOTE: The “wine” represents the GRAPE JUICE (blood of Jesus - type) and the “oil” represents the manifestation of the HOLY SPIRIT.

4) I Timothy 5:23. The “wine” mentioned here I believe, is not the intoxicating wine people think of today. I believe it was some type of grape juice liquid. Even in Bible times, though, the intoxicating wine back then, was not filled with the percentage of alcohol content like it is today. The percentage was much, much lower.

God would not recommend and encourage someone to start drinking alcoholic beverages. Even doctors today will admit that grape juice has healthy benefits. So, why drink wine for health reasons? Grape juice will do just as good. Sometimes, I think it’s just a “license” for Christians to give an excuse to drink. The Bible says in I Thess. 5:22, to AVOID THE VERY APPEARANCE OF EVIL. Look at how many lives & homes have been lost because of alcohol!

5) James 5:14. Again, the mention of “oil” used here is representing the Holy Spirit.


NOTE: Is going to a doctor or taking medicine wrong? According to scripture, the answer is NO!

If one’s faith is more in the medicine, remedy or doctors, than in the Word of God (the Bible & Jesus, as our ultimate Healer), than it IS a sin!

Remember: II Chronicles 16:12.

Asa trusted more in the physicians than in God. May that not ever be the case with any of us. God and God alone (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is who we should have our trust in before and above anyone or anything else. God uses other people as His “tool” to flow His healing power through, but remember, GOD (Jesus), is our Healer.

Ex. 15:26 / Ps. 103:1-3 / Ps. 107:20 / Jer. 30:17 / Ps. 30:2 / I P. 2:24.