

- **I Timothy 5:23** “No longer drinking water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and many frequent ailments”- **Note that in this passage, the apostle Paul prescribes the use of wine as a medicine for stomach problems and other ailments.**

Q1. Is the use of medicine a lack of faith?

- **Mark 8:22-25** “And they brought a blind man to Jesus... and after spitting in his eyes, and laying his hand upon him... and He asked him, ‘Do you see anything’, And he looked up and said “I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.” Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes; and he look intently and was restored, and began to see things clearly”. **The dialogue in this particular passage shows us the importance of giving objective feedback to the Doctor. Jesus made modifications to his medicine based on the objective feedback of the blind man. It is very important to give objective feedback to your Doctor, as he uses your feedback to modify the medicine dosage or change the medicine.**

Q2. How can you improve the feedback you give your Doctor?

- **Isaiah 38:21** “Then Isaiah said ‘Take a cake of figs and apply it to the boil that he may recover.’ **II Kings 20:7** “And they took it and laid it on the boil, and he recovered” These two Old Testament passages relate how Isaiah prescribes the use of fruit as medicine. His statement has many elements of a medical prescription. It is well known today that figs have medical uses to include digestive problems, cuts and sores in the tongue and mouth, warts, asthma, eye infections.

Q3. What kinds of natural, herbal remedies do you know have medical properties?

- **Luke 10:33-34** “But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion for him, and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his beast...”. **While the key message in this passage is about mercy, note also that Jesus indirectly suggests the use of wine and oil for treating wounds. We know that the**

alcohol in wine has antiseptic properties. Oil has many medical uses to include soothing of wounds, skin burns, lowering the risk of heart disease, etc.

Q4. How can believers use wine and oil as medicine?

- **Mark 15: 23** “And they tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.” **Myrrh is better known for its aromatic characteristics, but myrrh mixed with wine has a sedative effect and was given to criminals condemned to crucifixion to lessen their suffering. Myrrh can be used as an astringent or antiseptic for lesions of the throat also.**

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Q5. Is myrrh used as medicine anymore?

- **Ezequiel 47:12** “By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all *kinds of* trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.” **This passage is a prophecy about a new city in heaven. Note that while it is a prophecy, in today’s world, it is well known that the leaves of some plants have medical properties.**

Prayer Requests

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Joshua 1:8

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth (the body), but shall meditate on it day and night (the mind), so that you may be careful to do (the body) according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have Success”

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