

**LIFE TO THE FULL – 3**  
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**JOHN 10:10**

- Wants us to experience life to the full, but our enemy wants to destroy us spiritually, emotionally and physically.
- God has provided all we need to overcome challenges, but we must exercise faith to achieve success. **1 JOHN 5:4**
- If faith is required to overcome, then we must know God’s Word. **3 JOHN 2** God wills soul prosperity and health.
- **ISAIAH 1:19-20** – Being willing and obedient are necessary to experiencing a full life.

**FAITH AND MEDICINE**

**QUESTIONS:**

- Should I continue taking medicine? Is discontinuing medicine an act of faith? Does taking medicine nullify my faith? Is it wrong to see a doctor?

**ANSWERS:**

- God wants us whole. Doctors want us whole. Both faith and medicine can be used to achieve our goal. Therefore, these two means should be viewed as complimentary, not contradictory.
- If you have to ask about taking medicine, then you should. Discontinuing medicine can be an act of faith or foolishness. Taking medicine doesn’t nullify faith. It’s not wrong to see a doctor.

**BIBLICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. **LUKE 10:30-37** – Oil and wine were considered the best medicines of the day to treat wounds. Jesus commended, not condemned them.
2. **PROVERBS 3:27** – Withholding something helpful is wrong. Some parents have withheld medical help from their children.
3. **PROVERBS 18:9** – Septuagint – “He who does not use his endeavors to heal himself is brother to him who commits suicide.” God designed the body to protect itself from harm. Not removing our hand from a hot stove would go against our God-given instincts.
4. **1 JOHN 3:17 (AMPC)** – This principle can also be used regarding using medicine.
5. **1 TIMOTHY 5:23** – Paul instructed Timothy to use something natural to deal with a physical condition.
6. **PHILIPPIANS 2:27** – Paul didn’t deny sickness. He was realistic about the situation and looked to God for healing mercies.
7. **MATTHEW 9:29** – People are at different faith levels. For this reason there are different methods by which to be healed. Also, we should constantly feed our faith on the subject.

**GODLY WISDOM**

- God doesn’t oppose our using good sense when challenged physically.
- It’s wise to use every available weapon to achieve success.
- Always trust God whether using medicine or surgery.
- Know your level of faith, avoid being foolish.
- Don’t allow a situation to advance to a critical state by disregarding medical assistance.
- Stay in the Word, trust God, be open to your doctor’s advice and follow God’s leading.
- Avoid any spiritual decline. **2 CHRONICLES 16:11-13**

**CONCLUSION:**

**2 CHRONICLES 16:9** God wants us to have a full life, but we have a part to play in it. If we want Him to show Himself strong, we must maintain an upright heart.