

Matthew 9:12

When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

Fifteen years ago I went to the doctor’s for a physical exam, Now I normally don’t go to the doctor, but I was about to turn 50 and I thought that it would be a good idea to go get a check up, I mean, what could it hurt because I felt totally fine. Well, when I got a check up, I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, and I had surgery and have been cancer free ever since. (All glory to God!) But I had no idea that I had cancer, because I felt really good, and I thought my body was working normally and had no problems, until I went to the doctor’s for a check up and found out I had been living with cancer in my body for years.

But what if I knew I had cancer, yet I said that I would wait until I got better before I went to see the doctor? Well, I would be dead right now if I did, because my PSA was so high, if it had been one mark higher, they would have taken me into surgery right then and there when I was first diagnosed with it. Now I know it sounds stupid to think, why would someone who knows they have cancer wait until they got better to go see the doctor?

But let’s look at it another way, there are those who try to treat cancer themselves. Now I know one in a million times, someone can treat themselves and be cured of cancer with herbs and stuff, but the rates of success are so low, that it would be crazy to even try. Then there are those who know they have cancer or a sickness, yet refuse to do anything about it, and figure, if they get healed, great, if not then they will accept the consequences.

But it all reminds me of today’s devotional verse and what Jesus is saying, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”* Like my scenario, I had no idea I had cancer, until I went to the doctor’s. Once I knew, I had a few choices of how to treat it, which included surgery, self treatment or ignore it.

Yet how many know that they are a sinner yet refuse to do anything about it? Like me getting a check up and finding out I had cancer, it’s the same spiritually. If this is you and you are reading this devotional, that is a check up, or when you go to church, that is a check up, or when a Christian tells you about Jesus, that’s a check up, and each time the diagnosis is the same, you have a cancer called Sin.

It’s the same scenario spiritually, you can go to the Great Physician, Jesus and be healed and cleansed of all your sins. *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”* But so many refuse the Great Physician and try to self medicate by doing good deeds, or helping out others, or by going to different types of religions and seeking help. But in the end, if that’s what they decide to go with, they will die in their sins, because Jesus made it very clear

that, ***“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”***
John 14:6b

Then there are those who know they are sinners and could care less and have decided to do nothing about it and live with it and face the consequences when they die, and what’s worse is that some will even brag about it thinking they will party in hell, but they could never be more wrong. Jesus also makes it very clear that there will not be any partying in hell either.

† **Mark 9:43-44** *If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched-- where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*
(underlined for emphasis)

† **Luke 16:22-24** *So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'* (underlined for emphasis)

If you are a believer, then you have chosen the Great Physician. But if you are not, you now have a choice that will determined your eternity after you die.

You can choose to self medicate by doing good deeds, or following false religions, and end up in hell. ***“being in torments in Hades”*** Or you can choose to ignore this teaching and everyone else who has told you about Jesus and end up in hell ***“where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.’”*** Or you can go to the Great Physician, Jesus, and be healed and saved from ALL of your sins and spend eternity in heaven. ***“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”***

The choice is yours, just like I had to choose what I was going to do about my cancer. The doctor could not choose for me. My family could not choose for me. My friends could not choose for me. Social media and strangers could not choose for me. No, I had to make the decision myself, because I had to decide how I would live the rest of my life here on the earth, either miserable and dying way too soon of cancer, or healthy and living a lot longer, cancer free.

The same is true for you to, because the Great Physician, Jesus can not choose for you. Your family cannot choose for you. Your friends cannot choose for you. Social media and strangers cannot choose for you. No, you have to make the decision, because what you decide to do now will determine your life here on the earth, but more importantly, where you will spend eternity when you die.

† **Hebrews 9:27-28** *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*