

Pastoral Advice for those going through a Physical Battle:

1. Do what you know to do - Use common sense, and don't tempt God.

- Parents are going to court for refusing medical care for their child.
- Man with hernia refused medical attention until it was too late.



2. Take care of yourself. I Timothy 4:8 "For bodily exercise profits a little ..."

- Diet and exercise: "Some people dig their own grave with their teeth"

Spiritually speaking: Who would you want on your side in a street fight?

3. Recruit others who stand in faith with you.

- Beware of Fear and denial
- One person had breast cancer who did not tell anyone and did not seek treatment. Cancer metastasized and she died. People blamed faith oriented church. Some quit the church afterward.

4. Remember Doctors are on our side, but they are not God and don't have the final word.

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Proverbs 15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, *and* a good report makes the bones healthy.

Have Faith in God...
Mark 11:22

5. Base your doctrine on the known will of God (word of God), not on experiences or someone else's battle.

- We are imperfect people living in a imperfect world.

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret *things* belong to the LORD our God, but those *things which are* revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Jesus spoke this to Brother Hagin: Don't touch it unless I reveal it to you

(This is where we get unbelieving doctrines of God taking people, or sickness being God's will)

- People die from lack of faith, sin, some from just losing the warfare. Some want to go - that is not a sin. No matter what we win! We celebrate those who leave. We don't play armchair quarterback on how they missed God's best.

6. Listen to special instructions and don't be stubborn.

- Example: Betty Price refused to take Chemo, but when she relented she received her healing.

Mark 7:33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue.

7. Don't preach someone's funeral while they are going through the battle.

- A friend of mine told me after receiving prayer over the phone: "They were putting me in the grave with their prayer!"

8. Don't let anyone talk you out of a long life (See Longevity scriptures on website).

- We all must prepare to die, and be ready to die - Everyone should have a will.
- My job as a minister is to prepare you to die (but not too soon!)

Psalms 91:16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

9. Prioritize the confession and meditation of God's word (See Battle Scriptures for healing on website).

Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

10. Always believe for God's best. Quitting is not part of your vocabulary.

Hebrews 10:23 (KJV) Let us hold fast the profession (confession) of *our* faith without wavering; for he *is* faithful that promised.

Proverbs 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit?

Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He* was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

James 5:13-16 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Recommended book, *Christ the Healer* by F.F. Bosworth

11. Believe healing is now (faith), not going to be (hope).

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.