

FOR BETTER OR WORSE (I Kings 22:8)

King Ahab didn't think it was a good idea to get Micaiah to get God's opinion on whether or not to go to war because Micaiah usually told Ahab that things were going to go bad for him. The King was not looking to get better, he was just wanting to hear something that would make him feel better.

II Timothy 4:3-4 Many people today that go to church or even go to the doctor don't really want to hear how to get better, they just want to hear something that will make them feel better. At some point in everyone's life we have to decide if we just want to feel better or do we want to be better.

We Must See Our Need

Revelation 3:16-19 Jesus of course is speaking to the church at Laodicea, a prototype of the church age of today. We know that He is speaking to saved people because He indicates that those that He loves he chastens. In this case these backsliding church people did not see their need of 'getting better'.

Luke 18:10-12 Multitudes of church members today think like this Pharisee. They think that because they go to church, give money, take some part in the church ministries that they are okay and in good standing with God, not realizing that their pride stands in the way of really 'getting better'.

Hebrews 12:5 When things go terribly wrong in our lives, our family, our country, do we see that God is trying to get our attention? Do we seek God's help to get better or just enough to 'feel better'?

We Must Seek A Physician

Mark 2:16-17 When we are in need of a good diagnosis of our spiritual well being the best place to go is to the great Physician Himself. However most people would rather sulk and suffer through their depression and their negative attitude and not really get better but seek to just 'feel better' somehow.

Isaiah 55:6-7 When any of God's people are hurting and not living and serving Him as we should He is not far from any of us. God can and will make us better so we don't have to just 'feel better'.

II Timothy 4:2; II Timothy 3:16-17 Many believers today go to a church where they do not hear strong preaching against sin and do not stand for righteousness. In order to really get better we all need to be under the preaching and teaching of sound doctrine. Sadly, many today just want to 'feel good'.

We Must Submit To Examination

Psalm 139:23-24; James 4:7 Whenever we are in need of help physically, financially, emotionally or spiritually if we really want the truth about how we stand we must be willing to submit to a thorough examination. When we just take an aspirin but know we have pneumonia we are fooling ourselves and just want to temporarily 'feel better' and not really get better because of fear of hearing the truth.

Hebrews 5:13-14 If we find that through God's examination that we are immature and in need of growing up in order that we might be able to recognize our need, will we submit in order to 'get better'?

John 16:7-8 A full examination of our spiritual lives by the great Comforter will show us our need.

We Must Take Our Medicine

John 15:2; Hebrews 12:11 We are all His children and are subject unto His authority. As we receive His loving correction we can move ahead and continue to grow in Him as He makes us 'better'.

Galatians 5:16-17 We have great advice from the scriptures that can keep us 'getting better' each day.

II Timothy 2:15 The best prescription to 'get better' for any need we have is in God's holy word.