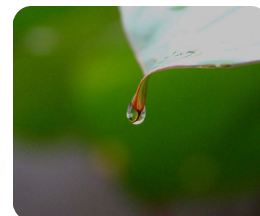


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The Apocryphal Book of Ecclesiasticus 38:1-15 has much to say about physicians, medicine, and healing.

*Honor the physician for the need thou hast of him: for the most High hath created him...
All healing is from God...*

The most High created medicines out of the earth, and a wise man will not abhor them...

By these he shall cure and allay their pains, and of these the apothecary shall make sweet confections, and shall make up ointments of health...

In thy sickness neglect not thyself, but pray to the Lord, and He shall heal thee...

And they (the physicians) shall beseech the Lord that He would prosper what they give for ease and remedy...

He that sinneth in the sight of his Maker shall fall into the hands of the physician.

Unfortunately, we all sin and we all get sick from time to time. I believe some get sick for the glory of God (as Jesus said of the man who was born blind and in the case of Job). Some have disorders and weaknesses passed through their genes. Illnesses may come from emotional distresses, or from poor lifestyles. Sickness can be a teacher, developing understanding, compassion, kindness and patience for those who become sick. Maladies, whatever the cause, have been here for eons. Even the most ancient civilizations have written of healing remedies when virtually all that was available to the healers and those who wished to be healed was plants. Today approximately 25% of pharmaceuticals are derived from certain constituents or parts of plants ("active ingredients") and synthesized into chemical compounds called medicine. These particular drugs are prescribed for the similar traditional uses herbalists discovered from plants centuries ago. Unfortunately, chemicals often cause side effects. Could plants contain safety factors that might minimize or prevent the side effects of their "active ingredients"? Could continual chemical treatments of symptoms cure the cause? And delete side effects? Once I went to the emergency room for nausea, vomiting and dehydration. An IV was put in but I asked for no medication. However a doctor came and shot phenergan into the IV line. A minute later I was talking gibberish - my words were all mixed up and I was very restless. Shocked, Mer called back the doctor and she admitted sometimes that happens, but isn't the nausea gone? Surprised, I noticed the nausea was gone - but what did that do to my brain? Some people still wonder (-:

I do thank God for physicians - maybe they have time to "beseech the Lord that He will prosper what they give for ease and remedy." We pray for our clients and for the effects of our various healing modalities. I thank God and love the use of plant-based therapeutic-grade essential oils that get to whatever the root cause, with only an occasional temporary cleansing detox, and no side effects

Best yet, the seldom practiced James 5:14-16

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