



A GOOD MEDICINE

Proverbs 17:22

1. The _____

Are you dried up? Do you find that the very elemental strength of your life is a weak and frail thing? Many are in this condition—even those who know the Lord Jesus.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'" ~ Ezekiel 37:11

2. The _____

What brings about a crushed spirit? This is more than the sorrow of hard circumstances; this is the inner quality of a troubled soul. The reason for this disease: love for and separation from God.

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ~ Ephesians 2:12

3. The _____

There is a cure! A joyful heart does good like a medicine. But let us not take a placebo of worldly happiness, but the true prescription of joy from the Lord who is our salvation.

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." ~ John 15:11

PSALM 4:6-7

THERE ARE MANY WHO SAY, "WHO WILL SHOW US SOME GOOD? LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE UPON US, O LORD!" YOU HAVE PUT MORE JOY IN MY HEART THAN THEY HAVE WHEN THEIR GRAIN AND WINE ABOUND.



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Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Psalm 32:3-4

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Psalm 51:8

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Proverbs 14:30

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

Proverbs 15:13

A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

James 4:8

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 30:5

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.