

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

There are some Christians that say that they have issues with the church. The problem is, if you have issues with the church, that you need to remember that you are the church, so if there is an issue, wouldn't you want to fix it?

I know for me, I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer over 10 years ago, and when it was confirmed that I had it, I had several options on how to treat it, and one of those options was to do nothing. Before I go on, I just want you to know that over ten years ago I did get surgical treatment and have been cancer free ever since, ALL Glory to GOD!!!

But I could have chosen to do nothing, and if I had, it's very likely that I would not be here on this earth anymore and I would be in heaven right now. But if I was, that would not had been a wise decision, because God has given doctors the wisdom and ability to treat this kind of cancer. God is not into name it and claim it, so I could not name it and claim it that my cancer was gone, God has given me more wisdom then that, and that wisdom comes from His word.

Yet how many complain or see problems in the church, yet they do nothing about it. I could have sat there and whined and complained about my cancer, and told everyone about the cancer that I had, but what good would that had done? It also would had been a bad witness to others. In fact, when I found out that I had cancer, I told several of my very close coworkers/friends who I had know for years, along with management who I had known for years, and the result was that they cried, and I had to comfort them, and they were saying, *"You are the one with cancer, and we should be comforting you, but you are comforting us instead."*

But that's how it is when you are a Christian, and put all your hope and faith in God; therefore, cancer does not affect you like it affects those in the world, so you can be a witness and an encouragement to others, even in the midst of cancer.

So, are you complaining and whining about things that you don't like or see that's wrong in the church? If you are, what are you doing about it, because, remember, you are a part of the body of Christ, you are a part of the bride of Christ, and you are a part of the body that makes up the Church.

What if you got cancer, would you whine and complain about it, or would you seek out the best way to get it treated? Just as if there is something wrong in the church, according to the bible, and not according to your likes and dislikes, then shouldn't you do something about it? Shouldn't you research the options by searching the scriptures and see what the bible says about it, and how to treat it?

Treat it? That's right, the bible is not a book of does and don'ts, but is also a guide on dealing with life as well as issues in the church. We call Jesus the great Physician, so if there is sickness in the church, why wouldn't you go to the greatest physician to deal with that sickness in the church.

One bit of warning though, that sickness may have affected you to, and the Lord may want to do a healing in you spiritually. So are you willing to follow the treatment that the Lord gives you, or would you rather just whine and complain about it others?

† **2 Kings 5:11-14** *But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, 'Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?'' So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*