



# FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

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## **Summary Statement on Medications**

We believe the Bible teaches that God created man in a way that intricately connects physical and spiritual issues. Mental and emotional disorders, though popularly seen as being treatable by drugs, have a spiritual component that ought not to be neglected as at least part of the solution. Some disorders are clearly physiologically testable and treatable. Many others disorders and syndromes have no clear clinical proof; further, the mechanisms, effectiveness, and long-term side effects of drug therapy is unclear, even to the medical profession.

However, taking these concerns into account, we believe the decision to use psychotropic drugs is between the patient and their doctor. The biblical counselor may routinely recommend a medical exam to help determine if there is a physiological cause. Faith Bible Church and Faith Biblical Counseling Center refers counselees to medical professionals for advice regarding any use or management of prescription medications.

A biblical counselor does not judge a person based on their use of drugs and a counselee should not judge the counselor based on their concern about the use of drugs. Our primary interest is to address the spiritual concerns of responsibility for behavior and attitudes in relation to God and His Word. Application of God's Word can accomplish changes in ways that medication cannot. It should be natural for a sincere Christian to seek the help and counsel of other believers for mature, biblical insight and spiritual growth in their emotions, attitudes, and behaviors. Our passion is to help people live to the glory of God.

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