

The Benefits Of Visiting The Sick

Ecclesiastes 7:2-3 says, *"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better."* The house of sickness is like Ecclesiastes' house of mourning. There is lot to learn, and a lot to make the heart better.

Among those blessings that we can readily appreciate and that the Bible spells out are: 1) It reminds us that we are frail (Psalm 39:4); 2) it humbles us and makes us thankful for every day we feel good (Job 14:1); 3) it declares that this world and life are not why we exist (John 6:27); and, 4) the Lord will take note of it (Matthew 25:34-36).

These are only a few of the benefits of visiting the sick. This is not the entire duty of a Christian, but it is a good part of it, and by this we declare we are truly disciples of Jesus.

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