

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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Our nation is said to be in a state of economic decline but there is one area that seems to be doing very well. Pharmaceutical companies are churning out pills by the train load. There are pills for almost every complaint. There are big pills, big enough to play a game of football with. There are little pills, almost too small to see. There are red pills, yellow pills, and orange pills. Some pills may be green or white. There are pills to wake us up and pills to help us sleep. Pills to ease a headache, backache, or stomachache are available. There are too many different pills to list or describe. It makes one dizzy just to think about. I'm sure there is a pill for that too. Pills can be a great blessing when this physical body is suffering. However, as much as we might desire it, there is no pill (quick fix) for our spiritual health.

As Christians, we could certainly use a pill for more love for our fellowman. Pill for joy would be beneficial to have; then we could have the great joy Paul had. Paul was joyous in the worst of circumstances. Peace in our heart, a strong-settled peace the world cannot take away from us, would be worth at least two pills. Long suffering would take a very strong pill but the number of misunderstandings it would prevent would make it worth it. The world certainly needs a pill for gentleness. Pills for goodness would be very helpful, especially when old Satan comes around. Faith needs a pill daily. We can never have too much faith so there is no fear of overdosing. Our world would also benefit if more meekness could be found in it so a pill for that would be appreciated. Temperence—take one as needed (and that would be pretty often).

As born again Christians, we know that God did not provide something manufactured in an earthly laboratory as a cure for human frailties. However, glory to God, there is a remedy available! If we live in the Spirit, we will also walk in the Spirit. If we will ask, God will send the Holy Spirit to supply every need. The help that comes from above is so much better than all the earthly pills we could ever find.

Galatians 5:22-23