



PATRIOT PASTORS GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM REGARDING MEDICAL CANNABIS USE  
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Patriot Pastors must guide our State Legislators to the truth about MEDICAL Cannabis use in total Biblical context instead of quoting selective scripture out of context to be stumbling blocks to the relief of human pain and suffering. As the National Director of Pastors Training for Patriot Pastors.net my Guidance Memorandum provides context needed to carry out our pastoral duties as God's hands and feet.

After decades of personal research combined with my expertise consulting in the USA Healthcare industry, experience with ancient traditional Chinese medical methods, personal pastoral counseling relationships as an ordained minister, with burying my little brother addicted to "man created" drugs, family and friends with chronic joint pain from which there is no relief other than proven addictive life destroying opioids, which are chemicals just like Medical Cannabis and Aspirin or Ibuprofen are chemicals, I am issuing this Guidance Memorandum to all Patriot Pastors and Legislators in Tennessee and to our Patriot Pastors Network nationally.

1. Medical Cannabis use is NOT a spiritual issue. Abuse of the body as our "temple" many appear to be all selectively spiritual about *on this issue* for whatever reason(s), is **NOT** an issue with Medical Cannabis unless of course we also condemn all pain relief designated chemicals whether of God created natural organic origin or man created origin... such as aspirin, ibuprofen, opioids, etc. as they all are created for the relief of human pain and suffering. There is zero scripture about "Pastors" choosing winners and losers between the God created and man created chemical options for relief of human pain and suffering.
2. The marijuana plant "Cannabis" has over 100 chemicals, known as cannabinoids, each causing effects on the human body. The primary chemicals in Cannabis (marijuana) are:
  - a. Tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. This is the psychoactive compound in marijuana, the element that produces the "high", the euphoric altered mental state pursued as "pleasure" use.
  - b. Cannabidiol, or CBD. This substance does not produce any psychoactive effects whatsoever.
3. Medical marijuana has a much higher CBD content, so there is no euphoria, no altered mental state that's associated with "pleasure" use to "get high".
4. There is incontrovertible Biblical precedent for using God created organic plants specifically for the relief of human pain and suffering, including "***Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses***" I Timothy 5:23... note, the author says "little", a measure that defines appropriate use to distinguish from drunkenness, an abuse of God created plants.
5. Medical Cannabis use is NOT a government issue. We must guide our State and Federal legislators to understand it is not their duty to intervene between a state licensed doctor and patient selected services. The use of Medical Cannabis must only be a decision between patient and doctor, not pastors or politicians who are not qualified or trained to make decisions to determine use, dosage, etc. Laws blocking use of Medical Cannabis must be repealed and sole authority granted to licensed physicians. To do otherwise results in Legislators practicing medicine without a license, a crime in every state.

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Patriot Pastors must lead your congregations, communities and State Legislators to the incontrovertible facts of this Guidance Memorandum, to educate them in their duty as Christians and Patriots to provide relief for human pain and suffering. We the People have that power to do so, Medical Cannabis does so, and we must make it so.

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