

## **“Don’t Waste Your Cancer”**

I was reading a little periodical called “Pulpit Helps” and on the front page was an article titled, “Don’t waste your cancer.” I thought, now there’s a bold topic.

The author, John Piper, was diagnosed with prostate cancer and wrote the column the night before he had surgery. His surgery went well but among his statements were the following confident points...

He said: “You waste your cancer if you don’t believe it is part of God’s plan for you.”

“You waste your cancer if you seek comfort from the odds rather than from God.”

“You waste your cancer if you refuse to think about death.”

“You waste your cancer if you think that “beating” cancer means staying alive rather than cherishing Christ.”

“You waste your cancer if you let it drive you into solitude instead of deepening your relationships.”

“You waste your cancer if you grieve as those who have no hope.”

“You waste your cancer if you fail to use it as a means of witness to truth and the glory of Christ.”

What profound thoughts!

I don’t have cancer that I know of, but like all of you, I realize that could change with a single sentence from my doctor, “You have cancer.” If I ever do have any such life threatening issue, I hope I can respond with the same kind of bold confidence as John Piper.

If I contract a disease that will take my life – I hope that it will serve for the glory of God and that my death will contribute to His great cause in some good way.

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