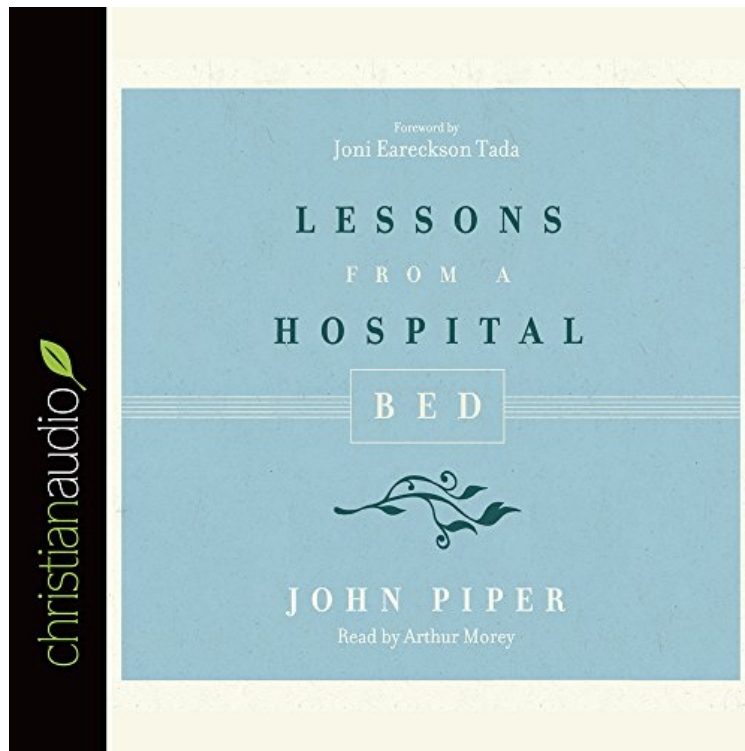


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John Piper : Lessons from a Hospital Bed before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lessons from a Hospital Bed:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Practical Thoughts that Will Be of Benefit to All reviewed by Bill Pence of CoramDeoTheBlog.com By Bill Pence As I was finishing this short book from John Piper, I received a call that my Dad was in the Emergency Room of a local hospital. He would be admitted and spend three nights in the hospital. Talk about God's providential timing for a book! Joni Eareckson Tada, who has certainly spent more than her fair share of time in a hospital bed writes the Foreword for the book. There are few people that I respect more, so when she recommends a book it gets my attention. Joni writes "Read its lessons prayerfully and act on their counsel intentionally. Next to your Bible, this little book is your best guide in making certain your hospital stay does genuine good for your soul." Piper writes that he wrote the book in two stages. The heart of it came after he was hospitalized due to an unexplained blood clot in my lung. The rest of it was added about a year later as he reflected more on what God has taught him over the years through sickness and suffering. He concludes the book with a prayer. I highly recommend this quick read from a respected pastor and author. I've read it once and plan to read it again and refer to it often in the future. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very Helpful! By gcssite In reviewing appropriate books to give hospitalized members of our Adult Bible Fellowship, this one seemed to make sense. In the past, we had presented books on Heaven or various books providing daily readings. After thinking about

it - about two seconds - presenting a book on Heaven to someone recovering from serious surgery or a serious illness just didn't make sense! (Not exactly a positive message a day or two into recovery.) So we found John Piper's book. One of Piper's many good points is when you are in a hospital experiencing pain, you have little ability to concentrate. Accordingly, Piper provides many "one-liners" to focus on...all positive Bible verses. This is an excellent book to give before going to the hospital - gets one thinking in the right direction. It is also an excellent choice for someone a couple days into recovery - reads quickly and Piper's words are short and to the point. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The best part is that it's brief and to the point. By Adrienne M. Outstanding insight into the world of hospitalization from a writer who's been there. John Piper also gives tips on preparing before illness strikes. Very encouraging and sobering. The best part is that it's brief and to the point. A bit pricey, but worth every penny.

Physical sickness affects more than just our bodies; it takes a toll on our emotional and spiritual health as well. In this honest book, best-selling author John Piper shares ten lessons he learned while in the hospital. Written to help those in the hospital focus their attention on God, his grace, and his plan; when such focus can be especially hard; this volume blends together personal narrative with biblical reflections to help readers rely on the God who stands ready to comfort and support his people. Whether it's cultivating a sense of gratitude, resisting the temptation to watch television 24/7, or looking for ways to serve those around them, this book encourages those who are sick to fight for faith in the midst of their illness.

This book is a little gem. Good for a church leadership to have a supply to give to a church member about to enter hospital (if notice given!) or to take as a gift to one already 'inside'. Might even be good to give to someone not yet a Christian, but seeking. - Evangelicals Now

About the Author: John Piper (DTheol, University of Munich) is the founder and teacher of desiringGod.org and the chancellor of Bethlehem College Seminary. He served for 33 years as the senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is the author of more than 50 books, including [Desiring God](#), [Don't Waste Your Life](#), [This Momentary Marriage](#), [Bloodlines](#), and [Does God Desire All to Be Saved?](#)