

Dear D. Parker,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You told us that you had just been given your legalized marijuana medical card. You said that smoking marijuana without the card is against man's law, but now, with the card, you can use the drug legally. You said you take marijuana for depression, migraines and sleep issues.

We are not sure what your question is. There is no mention of marijuana in the Bible. Therefore, we can offer you no scriptures relating to marijuana or its use.

Although marijuana is a drug and is addictive, it does have some medical benefits. It is used to relieve pain, improve the well being of chemotherapy patients, help prevent some cancers from metastasizing, and, perhaps, slow the progress of Alzheimer's, to name just a few. Medicinal marijuana is prescribed by a doctor and is usually in pill form. It is not to be smoked. Below is a summary we took off the Internet of the pros and cons of medical marijuana.

"Fifteen of 50 US states and Washington DC have legalized the medical use of marijuana.

"Proponents of medical marijuana (cannabis) argue that it can be a safe and effective treatment for the symptoms of cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, pain, glaucoma, epilepsy, and other conditions. They cite dozens of peer-reviewed studies, prominent medical organizations, major government reports, and the use of marijuana as medicine throughout world history.

"Opponents of medical marijuana argue that it is too dangerous to use, lacks FDA-approval, and that various legal drugs make marijuana use unnecessary. They say marijuana is addictive, leads to harder drug use, interferes with fertility, impairs driving ability, and injures the lungs, immune system, and brain. They say that medical marijuana is a front for drug legalization and recreational use."

If you are truly using marijuana for your medical conditions and not using it for recreational purposes then there should be no problem, providing your doctor monitors you. Remember that marijuana is addictive. You may find that initially it is very helpful, but, as time goes on, its benefits wear off and you will require more of the drug to get the same results, or worse, you will need a stronger drug. We advise you to tread very cautiously when using any controlled substance. We would recommend that you ask your doctor about other alternatives for eliminating your pain and sleeplessness, such as over the counter remedies, FDA approved drugs and biofeedback, etc.

We hope we have added to your information. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind at [www.christianquestions.net](http://www.christianquestions.net). The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics.

Sincerely,

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