

You can't give what you don't have

Jesus is our healer, if we don't know Him, and don't know this, we cannot pass this on to others, not be used by God to show this around our lives.

In fact, it seems more acceptable to "accept the status quo" than to "reach out for excellence." But in today's Church a lot of us would much rather lie down or sit down than rise up and walk.

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There is one major difference—Jesus healed by His own authority; Peter healed by the “name” of Jesus, which was indeed by Jesus’ authority at work through the agency of the apostles.

John B. Polhill, *Acts*, vol. 26, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 124.

Setting

There were nine gates that led from the court of the Gentiles into the temple itself. Scholars are not agreed, but the Beautiful Gate was probably the “Eastern Gate” that led into the court of the women. Made of Corinthian bronze, the gate looked like gold; and it certainly was a choice place for a lame man to beg.

Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 412.

YOU SEE he wasn't allowed inside the Temple to join in prayer, because he was a cripple. Because of their spiritual pride they felt that he was blemished - not fit for the house of God. And so he sat on the steps and begged. And people gave him their loose change (to ease their consciences as they went to prayer!)

Why didn't Jesus do something about this!

What I don't know- why sometimes his timing means healings don't come.

What I do know- God wants us to expect more than we do!

Seek more of him than we have

Call on his name in faith

III- "I see You"- Avatar

"Peter and John said don't just look at us but look into our lives, look into our character, our make up—look at how we talk, look at how we walk, and here's a question : Can you and I comfortably tell someone to look into us and not just at us. This is an important question because if you're not on Wednesday what you are Sunday then you are misrepresenting who say you are called to represent.?" <https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/two-broke-preachers-spencer-miller-sermon-on-men-s-day-175818?page=2&wc=800>

God knows who you are and wants to be known by you!!!!

God wants to Heal

- God wants more than just curing

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Isaiah 53:5 (NLT) But he was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (NLT) He personally carried our sins
in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin
and live for what is right.

By his wounds
you are healed.

Isaiah 35:6⁶ The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot
speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and
streams will water the wasteland.

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Isaiah 44:22–23²² I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have
scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I
have paid the price to set you free."²³ Sing, O heavens, for the Lord

has done this wondrous thing. Shout for joy, O depths of the earth!
Break into song, O mountains and forests and every tree! For the Lord
has redeemed Jacob and is glorified in Israel.

Matthew 10 is Jesus instruction to how the disciples would be received,
and what to expect.

*When Tony Campolo was in a church in Oregon, he prayed for a man
who had cancer. In the middle of the week, he received a telephone call
from the man's wife. She said, "You prayed for my husband. He had
cancer." I said, "Had?" Whoa, he thought, it's happened.*

She said, "He died." Campolo felt terrible.

*"Don't feel bad," the woman said. "When he came into church that
Sunday, he was filled with anger. He knew he was going to be dead in a
short period of time, and he hated God. He was fifty-eight years old, and
he wanted to see his children and grandchildren grow up.*

*"He was angry that this all-powerful God didn't take away his sickness
and heal him. He would lie in bed and curse God. The more his anger
grew toward God, the more miserable he was to everybody around him.
It was an awful thing to be in his presence.*

*"After you prayed for him, a peace came over him and a joy came into
him. The last three days have been the best days of our lives. We've
sung. We've laughed. We've read Scripture. We've prayed. Oh, they've
been wonderful days. And I called to thank you for laying your hands on
him and praying for healing."*

*Then she said something incredibly profound: "He wasn't cured, but he
was healed."*

Pray with expectation, but without demanding.

God wants it all.

Healing can open the mind to consider the gospel

This man entered the place he had been banned from coming into, he
showed joy and gave testimony to the power of the name of Jesus!

In Acts the miracles were always in the service of the word, confirming
God's presence in the spread of the gospel or as a sign that enabled
faith

John B. Polhill, *Acts*, vol. 26, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 125.

In a real sense, then, Jesus through Peter continued his healing ministry. With a healing touch common to miracle narratives, Peter grasped the man's right hand and lifted him up. It is almost as if at this point the man needed all the encouragement he could get. The man felt the new strength surging through his feet and ankles.¹² He jumped to his feet and began to walk. With his increasing awareness of the miracle that had happened to him, he entered the sanctuary with Peter and John. Before, as the lame beggar, he sat in the court of the Gentiles at the gate to the sanctuary. Day by day he sat there at the threshold to the place of worship, but he could not enter. He was lame, blemished, and denied access to the inner courts (cf. Lev 21:17–20; 2 Sam 5:8). At this time not only had he received physical healing, but he had found spiritual acceptance as well. For the first time he was deemed worthy to enter the house of worship.

John B. Polhill, *Acts*, vol. 26, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 128.

(but we should not be surprised when it also generates opposition)

We are challenged to consider ,

The old covenant, The new covenant,

Repent -Seek forgiveness

In his previous sermon, Peter had explained that the Cross was the meeting place of divine sovereignty and human responsibility (Acts 2:23); and he repeated this truth in this second sermon (Acts 3:17–18).

Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 413.

* Deut 18:19; Lev 23:29.

¹⁹ I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet proclaims on my behalf.

Deuteronomy 18:19

²⁹ All who do not deny themselves that day will be cut off from God's people.

Leviticus 23:29

Isaiah 43:25 ²⁵ "I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.

Those in this sermon are aimed at the need for the Jews to repent and accept Jesus as the one sent from God. A far greater proportion of this sermon is devoted to the appeal. Also there are new elements in this sermon: an emphasis on faith, a softer treatment of the Jewish responsibility for Jesus' death, and a number of striking, perhaps early Jewish-Christian titles for Jesus, such as Servant, Holy and Righteous One, Author of life, and Prophet-like-Moses. The speech itself falls into two main portions. First, Peter established the relationship between the healing of the lame man and the basic Christian proclamation of the death and resurrection of Christ (3:12–16). Then he appealed to the Jews to repent and accept Christ as the Messiah sent from God (3:17–26).

John B. Polhill, *Acts*, vol. 26, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 130.

Receive

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

Having announced the crime, presented the evidence, and explained the nature of their sin, Peter then offered them pardon! (Acts 3:19–26)

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Evangelise -Offer forgiveness

* Greek *your seed*; see Gen 12:3; 22:18.

³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:3

¹⁸ And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

Genesis 22:18

Jesus our Healer, have we come to terms with this part of our Saviour, and call on him to show this in our lives and those around us.