

## ***What I Do Have, I Give – April 18, 2021***

### **1. Introduction:**

- a. Question: When you think about valuables what comes to your mind?
- b. Question: What is the most valuable thing you have?
- c. In our text for today we will see Peter, who had no gold or silver, tell a poor lame man that although he too was poor, he would give the man what he had.

**2. Read:** Acts 3:1-10 “Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup> And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. <sup>4</sup> And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, ‘Look at us.’ <sup>5</sup> And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But **Peter said, ‘I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you.** In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!’ <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and **immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.** <sup>8</sup> **And leaping up, he stood and began to walk,** and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. **And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”**

- a. Question: The first thing we notice in this passage is that Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the hour of prayer. Of what practice of the Apostle Paul does this remind you?
- b. Question: What did Jesus say was to be the purpose of “His Father’s House” on the occasion that He cleansed the Temple? (see Matthew 21:13)
- c. Question: In verse 3 we are told the poor lame man asked to receive alms What are alms?
- d. Question: According to verse 6 what was Peter’s response to the lame man’s request?
- e. Question: Upon being healed how much physical therapy and rehabilitation did the lame man require? What does this tell us: medical science or miracle?
- f. Question: What is the lesson for us? What are we to give?
- g. Question: According to verse 10 what was the response of the people in the Temple when they saw the man they knew to be lame leaping, walking and praising God?

3. **Read:** Matthew 6:19-20, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,<sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

a. Question: In Matthew 6:19 Jesus cautioned His followers not to do what?

b. Question: What reason did Jesus give for not laying up treasures on earth?

c. Question: King David and King Solomon were both very wealthy. Yet God said that David was a man after His own heart. So, is it wrong, in and of itself, to have earthly wealth? If not, what is Jesus cautioning us against? Also consider Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea.

d. Question: What does Jesus say is a much better alternative to earthly wealth?

e. Question: For which do you think would have benefited the lame man the most a large amount of gold and silver coin or the ability to leap and praise God? Pastor Tim often says we can miss the best when we settle for the good.

f. Question: Does this account mean that we should neglect earthly assistance and only provide a heavenly witness?

4. **Read:** Colossians 3:1-4 “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.<sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

a. Question: To whom does Paul direct this admonition?

b. Question: What are some examples of things we, as believers, should seek?

c. Question: What is the difference between “seeking” and “setting our minds” on something?

d. Question: Regarding seeking and the setting of one’s mind, which one is active and which one is passive?

e. Question: Together what would active seeking and the passive setting of our minds result in?