

I. See the Desperate Woman (10-11)

- A. She was spiritually seeking (10) - “Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.”
- B. She was demonically afflicted (11a) - “And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit...”
- C. She was emotionally exhausted (11b) - “...for eighteen years...”
- D. She was physically wasted (11c) - “She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.”

II. Witness the Divine Working (12-13)

- A. Jesus saw her (12a) - “When Jesus saw her...” **She was expected to be inconspicuous in synagogue, but He saw her**
- B. Jesus drew her (12b) - “...He called her over and said to her, Woman, you are freed from your disability.”
- C. Jesus delivered her (13) - “And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight and she glorified God.”

III. Mark the Desolate Way (14)

- A. It came from an appointed leader - “But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant...”
- B. It came from a narrow leader - “...because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath...”
- C. It came from an unexamined practice - “...said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”

The practice of mishandling Scripture and manipulating people for a personal agenda.

IV. Employ the Discerning Wisdom (15-17)

- A. The Lord exposes the man (15) - “Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it?” **Caring for animals but not people?**
- B. The Lord magnifies mercy (16) - “And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

People come before policy, rescue is exalted above religion.

C. The Lord divides the people (17)

1. Those who were humbled - “...all His adversaries were put to shame...”
2. Those who were helped - “...and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.”