

RAISE YOUR LEVEL OF EXPECTATION!

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**If you don't conquer your insecurities,
then your insecurities will conquer you.**

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple.

When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

*Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. **Acts 3:1-8 (NLT)***

Symptoms of a Low Expectations:

Symptom #1:

You don't think your situation will change because it's lasted so long.

*As they approached the Temple, a man **lame from birth** was being carried in. **Acts 3:2a (NLT)***

Symptom #2:

You put more trust in people than God.

*Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could **beg from the people** going into the Temple. **Acts 3:2b (NLT)***

A Beggar is: Someone who is more dependent on what **people can do** for them than what **God can do** for them.

Symptom #3:

Your friends enable you instead of empowering you.

As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth *was being carried in*. Each day *he was put beside the Temple gate*, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. **Acts 3:2 (NLT)**

Symptom #4:

You ask God for just enough to get by.

When he saw Peter and John about to enter, *he asked them for some money*. **Acts 3:3 (NLT)**

How To Break The Spirit of Low Expectations:

1. Stop focusing on your problems!

Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "*Look at us!*" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. **Acts 3:4-5 (NLT)**

Where there is no *vision*, the people perish. **Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)**

2. Start focusing on Jesus.

But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. *In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!*" **Acts 3:6 (NLT)**

Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and *helped him up*. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, *walking, leaping, and praising God*, he went into the Temple with them. **Acts 4:7-8 (NLT)**