

Step of Faith

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Acts 3:1-10 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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A. Consistent practice leads to divine experience.

1. What you do regularly impacts you greatly.

Acts 3:2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

2. Trust God's plan while you wait.

Acts 3:3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.

Acts 3:4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”

B. Sometimes the beggar must be called to be blessed.

Acts 3:5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

1. What you want is not always what you need.
2. If God does not give you what you want, believe that He is giving you what you need.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

C. Influence is not based on income.

1. Your resource does not determine your role.
2. God is more interested in availability than great ability.

D. Do not let disappointment keep you from a divine appointment.

1. What do you have that someone needs?
2. Followers of Jesus are His representatives to the world.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

E. A step of faith is a step toward God.

Acts 3:7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

1. Sometimes we need someone.
 - There is power to heal in the name of Jesus.

Acts 3:9-10 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- Revival without revolution is just hype.
- It is possible to be impressed and not impacted.

Acts 3:8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

2. There comes a time to put feet to your faith.
 - a. Steps of faith lead to new places.
 - Your miracle is for more than a moment.
 - b. Steps of faith lead to new praises.
 - Praise keeps perspective.