

## MY HELPER #3 WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE?

Intro. A year ago a young man stops at the church while the RPM room was being worked on. He wanted needed money. Tony offered him work to earn money. He stayed the day and Tony Jr. came in. He stopped by from working at a drug rehab ministry. The young man was estranged from his wife because of drugs. He wanted to be free. Later that day he receives Christ and went home to restore his relationship with his family in Kansas City. He called later to say he was doing well.

This is what Peter and John are faced with in our text.

Acts 3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.<sup>2</sup> Now a man crippled 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.<sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.<sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”<sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”<sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.<sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.<sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God,<sup>10</sup> 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. NIV

### **I. They declared what they did not have**

A. No money- v6 “silver or gold I don’t have”

B. When we are faced with the crisis of need or expectation is required of us it is easy to begin to make a list of what we don't have.

"I don't have .....training  
Time  
Job skills  
Patient enough

It simply boiled down to, "you are expecting something of me that I can't give you."

Be at ease. If you don't have it, you don't have it.

C. The emotion of not having what it takes to meet people's needs.

1. **Frustration** of being overwhelmed with the need.
2. **Fear** of what is going to happen to them in the future.
3. **Failure** of not having enough.

## II. They declared what they did have

V6.... but what I have I give you...

A. They **knew** what they had to give

It is obvious to us what we don't have to give. It should be equally obvious to us what we do have to give. Do you know what you have to give?

1. A **boy** had **5 loaves and two fishes**
2. A **widow** had a **last meal** to give Elisha.
3. **David** had a **song** for Saul
4. **Moses** had a "**word**" for Pharaoh
5. **Dorcas** made **coats and garments** for widows
6. **Paul** had "**signs and wonders and demonstrations** of the Holy Spirit."

7. The **good Samaritan** had **compassion** for a victim.
8. **Jonathan** had **loyal friendship** and **humility** to give to David when he was heir to the throne he supported David.

B. They **shared** with him what they had to give.

V6... In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk..

1. His **faith** in Christ- Jesus of Nazareth
2. The **authority** of Christ- in the name of Jesus, walk
3. The **power** of Christ- <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

### **III. What they gave made a difference.**

<sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> 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.

- A. People are drawn to see the blessing of God
- B. A helpless man is made normal by the gift.
- C. God gets the glory.

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

<sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.