

**“WHAT I HAVE”**

1. **Acts 3:1-12** One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer--at three [ninth hour] 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. <sup>11</sup>While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <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?"
2. Back Ground
  - a. Peter and John had been with Jesus during his earthly ministry. They both had successes and failures as part of the work of Jesus here upon the earth.
  - b. One of the things they witnessed was the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. She had determined to touch Jesus. That at the touch she would be healed, and it was so. When this happened Jesus ask:
    - i. **Mark 5:30** At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"
  - c. Before Jesus ascended He instructed his followers to go to Jerusalem and wait for a gift from the Father. Also by sending the gift to them, they would know without daught that He had ascended to the Father.
    - i. **John 16:7** But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
  - d. With the Spirit came the fruits of the spirit
    - i. **Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
3. One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer, the ninth hour
  - i. Nine = Judgment  
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  - a. Going about their daily lives.
    - i. **Acts 3:2** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;  
(1) Look at a baby, we are all born lame from birth.  
(a) We are lame in four areas; physically, mentally, socially and spiritually
4. This portion of scripture deals with a man that did not develop physically.

5. A child is born lame in four ways that must be developed.
  - a. **Mentally**
    - i. **Proverbs 13:1** A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.
    - ii. **2 Tim. 3:15** and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
  - b. **Physically**
    - i. **Joshua 14:11** I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.
    - ii. **Proverbs 11:16** A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.
    - iii. **Proverbs 24:5** A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength;
  - c. **Socially**
    - i. **Proverbs 29:17** Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.
    - ii. **Ephes. 6:2-3** "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- <sup>3</sup>"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
  - d. **Spiritual**
    - i. **Proverbs 3:1-4** My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, <sup>2</sup>for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. <sup>3</sup>Let love and faithfulness never leave you ;bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup>Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
    - ii. **Acts 2:39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."
    - iii. **Col. 3:20** Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
6. Physical problems
  - a. Maybe when his mother put the baby down he started to cry, so she loved him so much that she just carried him around.
  - b. But what ever the reason, the boys legs did not develop to support him as a man.
    - i. We have a nation full of children today that are not developing physically as they should.
      - (1) Your grandchildren and their friends.