



Living the Good Life

Part 4

A Bible Study Series on the Gospel of John

John 5:1-6 (KJV) After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

- The problem with Bethesda was that it seemed to work for _____, but not for _____.
- We hear the Word of God preached and our reactions are similar to those at Bethesda:
 - _____ – “we don’t see it like you do”
 - _____ – “we know you’re right, but we’re powerless to do anything about it”
 - _____ – “we would like to, but we’ve been hurt in the past”
- **Romans 5:6 (KJV)** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: A beggar of that day could lose a sometimes profitable income and easy lifestyle if he were cured!

- Jesus knows that the man’s _____ is his problem.
- Jesus just needs to know one thing: Are you _____?
- **Deuteronomy 30:19 (KJV)** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:



Over the years, we’ve built up a support system to excuse our behavior – it’s called our _____. It is what we have been laying on all of these years. But Jesus says, “Rise, take up thy bed, and walk!”

- **Deuteronomy 3:11 (KJV)** For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.
- When Jesus gives a command, there is power in the command to fulfill the command. It’s no longer about _____ power, but about _____ power!
- **Ecclesiastes 8:4 (KJV)** Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?



John’s fourth snapshot of a Spirit-filled man:

He looks at Jesus rather than _____!