

I need some change!

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Acts 3:1-10 ¹Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. ²And 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; ³Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. ⁴And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. ⁵And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. ⁶Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. ⁷And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God: ¹⁰And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

THE CRIPPLED MAN:

- His disability wasn't his fault because _____
- He never got further than the _____
- He expected others to _____
- He was focused on _____
- He had been in the same _____ for many years
- His disability was his fault because _____
- SPIRITUAL DEATH is _____ from God due to sin. Every human being is born crippled with this condition. Only _____ can cure it!

Man was created by God as a three-fold being:

- _____ **the inner man**; the part that knows God and will exist eternally in either Heaven or Hell; the part of man that gets saved
- _____ **the mind**; the intellect (thoughts and reasoning), the emotions (temperament, feelings, attitudes and moods), and will (choices, decisions and determination)
- _____ **the outer man**; the external or visible house in which man's invisible spirit and soul reside; the part which operates our five senses; the part that provides an outward witness to our inward salvation



In a **SPIRITUALLY DEAD** person, the SPIRIT is alienated from God because of sin. Unless he makes a choice to change it, this is an eternal condition! Since the spirit is dead, the SOUL is now in charge. Led by his intellect, emotions and will, this person cannot understand spiritual concepts, for they are foreign to him. His BODY becomes merely a tool for acting out his lusts and passions. This man is truly "mortal," which means "death-doomed" or "Satan-ruled."



In a **SPIRITUALLY ALIVE** person, the SPIRIT is back in fellowship with God because of salvation. And unless he makes a choice to change it, this also is an eternal condition! Since the spirit is alive, the SOUL is not allowed to be in charge. There is an ongoing war to subjugate the natural mind and body to God's Spirit now dwelling in the redeemed human spirit. (Romans 6:11-13, 7:22-23, 8:13-14) His BODY is offered as a "living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1) to do the will of God, and not allowed to fulfill fleshly lusts. This man is truly "im-mortal," which means "NOT death-doomed"!

- The human _____ is the most awesome feature of the soul, for it determines your destiny!
- In the new birth, my _____ repents, my _____ is baptized, and my _____ is filled with the Holy Ghost.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.