

The Power of the Gospel Notes

Acts 9:32-43

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Main Point: God uses obedient people and troublesome circumstances to expand His influence.

Peter

1. Was one of Christ hand _____ disciples.
2. He wasn't _____.
3. God looks beyond our problems and sees our _____.
4. Peter _____ to follow Jesus and love Him.

Disciple

1. A disciple of Jesus Christ is a believer who lovingly follows Jesus and _____ helps others to follow Jesus.
2. Peter spent time learning from Christ, changing, growing, learning from his mistakes and now he was _____ to others to help them follow Christ.
3. No matter who you are or how many problems or weaknesses you have, God can transform you into someone of _____ significance (Ephesians 2:10).

Aeneas

1. Was paralyzed.
2. His physical condition was humanly _____.
3. He could not go anywhere without the aid of helpers.
4. God works in mysterious ways to transform suffering into _____.
5. We must have faith that God is _____ working behind the scenes and only eternity will reveal the value of each life (Romans 8:28).
6. The key is to focus on loving God and _____ to His purposes that often include only partial understanding.
7. Peter told Aeneas that he had been made whole. Get up and roll up your bed and get on with your new life.
8. We are sick with a spiritual disease that has left us helpless in curing ourselves.
9. We must take _____ of our new life by actions that display our faith.
10. Aeneas was a _____ for many coming to faith in Christ.
11. When we _____ the power of God that transforms lives, many are influenced.
12. The key to surviving troublesome times is to allow our expectations to be _____ to God's will and concentrate on loving Him.
13. If we do not surrender ourselves to God and His purposes, we create personal expectations that can turn our hearts to _____ if they are not fulfilled.
14. Why doesn't God heal every person who has a disease?
 - It is _____ God's will to do that for everyone here.
 - This life is not eternal life, but it is the time God grants us to _____ for eternity (John 14:6).
 - It is possible that because of our inherent tendency to live for immediate gratification, we would only focus on healings rather than _____ faith and a personal relationship with God if every person were healed of every disease.

- God does use and create circumstances that seek to _____ us to trusting and serving Him rather than our short-sighted desires and wishes.
15. We have a penchant to seek a _____ - _____ approach to life (Proverbs 14:12).
 16. _____ - _____ is a condition God seeks to break through and lead us on a path of truth discovery.

Two Messengers

1. No task is _____ when serving the Lord.
2. Having a partner in ministry lends support and _____ (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

Dorcas

1. She was a big-hearted person who made _____ for people who could not afford them.
2. Luke calls her a disciple.
3. She used her talents to make a _____.

The Poor

1. How we should respond to those who are poor.
 - Do not assign human value to a person based on their _____ account (Proverbs 22:2).
 - You honor the Lord when you are _____ to someone who is poor (Proverbs 14:31).
 - God gives _____ to those who invest in helping people who are poor (Proverbs 19:17).
 - If you respond to the needs of others, then when you have a need there will more likely be someone who will _____ to it (Proverbs 21:13).
 - Do not let those less fortunate be taken _____ of (Proverbs 31:9).
 - Despising the poor is wrong but being generous is _____ (Proverbs 14:21).
2. Prayer acknowledges our _____ on God.

Simon the Tanner

1. When Peter decided to stay with Simon, he was _____ down a cultural barrier and resisting prejudice against someone who did not adhere to his Jewish religious customs and traditions.

Actions Steps

1. Turn to the Lord and away from things that _____ for your eternal soul.
2. Be a person who seeks to _____ your neighbors.
 - Begin with prayer
 - Listen with purpose
 - Eat together
 - Serve in love
 - Share your story
3. Use your gifts and talents for a higher _____ than just enriching yourself.
4. Allow God's Word to form how you _____ others.
5. Seek to be a _____ disciple.