

# SHINE Devotional

## Week 10 – Lesson 1



### Do What You're Supposed to Do!

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Scripture reading Acts 3:1

*“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.”*

What are you supposed to be doing? In 1977, my wife and I left Lynchburg, Virginia, and drove Las Vegas, Nevada. I can remember my wife and I making plans to spend the rest of our lives here in Las Vegas developing a church through which we could start other churches and reach our city and state with the Gospel. God wants to use each one of us. If everyone would bloom where they are planted and determine to do the very best job they can to represent Jesus Christ in their community, many would get saved, Christians would be disciplined, and God's kingdom would advance.

What is it that God wants you to do? If you are a father, He wants you to be a good father. If you are a mother, He wants you to be a good mother. If you are a husband, He wants you to be a good husband. If you are a wife, God wants you to be a good wife. If you are an employee or employer, God wants you to be the best employee or employer you can be. God wants you to SHINE in every walk of life. You are His representative.

If you are a pastor, there will always be churches larger or smaller than yours. There will always be churches that have greater facilities than yours. There will always be churches that have less than you have. Your job as a pastor is to love the people in your church and to reach the lost that surrounds your church. There is no need for you to impress any human being with who you are or your great abilities. Take the abilities that God has given you to love people and teach His Word and do just that.

In our story today, after a great day at Pentecost, Peter and John went to the temple at the hour of prayer. They knew what they were supposed to do and they did it. As they did, God used them to touch the life of an individual. That is how it is meant to be. Do your job. Do it to the best of your ability. Live the life God has called you to live. Jesus will touch others through you and you will SHINE.

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## Week 10 – Lesson 2



### When Is Your Hour of Prayer?

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Scripture reading Acts 3:1

*“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the **hour of prayer**, being the ninth hour.”*

It is obvious from this passage of Scripture that there was a time designated for prayer in the temple in Jerusalem. That time was the ninth hour, or 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Peter and John, being obedient to God, went to the temple along with John to be there during this time of prayer. Every important task must be scheduled or it will not be accomplished. If I want to be a successful college student, I must schedule time for study. If I am going to be successful in any occupation, I must schedule time to work or I will not be successful. If I am going to develop a relationship with anyone, I must schedule time with them in order to develop that relationship or that relationship will never grow. That is true of every human relationship we have and is also true of our relationship with God.

When is your hour of prayer? Only you know when you can schedule time for prayer in your life. You know the hours you work every day. You know the people you will interact with on a daily basis. You know when you will have free time. It may be early in the morning. It may be sometime in the afternoon. It may be late in the evening, but you will never be successful in prayer until you have a set time of prayer. God does hear and answer prayers and He wants us to pray daily. We know that because in His model prayer, He says to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” You have the opportunity to go daily before the Creator of the universe, who is your Father, and ask Him for anything you need to accomplish His will in your life. I plead with you to take advantage of that privilege. Determine when your hour of prayer will be and do all you can to go before Him daily with your request. When you learn to pray consistently, you will SHINE.

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## Week 10 – Lesson 3



### Who Brought You to Jesus?

Scripture reading 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;”*

My wife and I were at a buffet recently, when a lady and her daughter walked up to me and asked, “Aren’t you Pastor Teis?” I answered, “Yes.” She responded, “You may not remember me, but your sister was very influential in winning my husband to Christ.” I had not seen that lady for over thirty years, but I praise God that my sister made an impact on her husband and thereby on her daughter. Another time, I was standing at the front door of our church greeting people as they left. Before walking out, a very kind lady thanked me for the message and said, “You may not remember me, but your sister got me going to church when we were in high school together.” Again, my heart rejoiced to know that she had made an impact on this lady as well. I have often recounted how that through reading the book The Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson, my life was changed. The person who gave me that book was my sister, Paula. She encouraged me as a teenager to have a genuine walk with Jesus Christ. Let me ask you a question. Who brought you to Jesus?

In our story today, the Bible says, *“a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate...Beautiful.”* A miracle was about to take place at the temple. Peter would pray for this man and this man would be healed. However, that would never have happened if someone had not brought him to the temple on a regular basis. Someone brought you to church your very first time. Maybe it was your mom and dad as a child, a friend from school, husband or wife, or a son or daughter. You were saved or introduced to Jesus because somebody invited you. Let me encourage you to do two things.

1. Be thankful for that one that brought you to Jesus and ask God to bless them.
2. Return the favor. Invite somebody you know to Jesus. Invite somebody you know to church.

Bring someone to church so they can experience the miracle of a new birth. When you do, you will truly SHINE for Jesus.

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## Week 10 – Lesson 4



### What Do People Expect from You?

Scripture reading Acts 3:3-5

*“Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.”*

When our church first started, my wife and I used to do a lot of door to door visitation. I don't know of a better way to get acquainted with people in the community. I have found when you come to their door often they think I am a door to door salesman, a person serving an eviction notice, or a Jehovah's Witnesses. One day I knocked on a door after having some frustrating conversations with people. A man answered the door and looked at me. I said, “Hi, my name is David Teis. This is my wife, Anna. I am not a salesman, Mormon, or Jehovah's Witness.” He looked at me and said, “Then, who are you?” I told him I am a pastor from a church that was starting and I wanted to give him an invitation to come. He was set at ease and I got to share the Gospel with him.

In our story today, Peter was going into the Temple. He was there because it was 3 o'clock in the afternoon and it was time to pray. There was another man there begging for money. When he saw Peter and John, the Bible says he expected to receive something from them. The question is why did he expect to receive something from them? I believe it was because they were filled with the Holy Spirit and he could see the love of Jesus Christ in their countenance. Paul tells us, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance...”* (Galatians 5:22-23). Because He saw Jesus Christ in them, he expected them to be considerate of his need. A daily surrender to the Holy Spirit of God will produce the fruit of the Spirit in you. You may not give people exactly what they expect, but every Christian can give Jesus to anyone. What do people expect from you? They should expect to see Jesus. When you surrender to Him, you will SHINE for Him.

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## Week 10 – Lesson 5



### Every Christian Can Give Jesus

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Scripture reading Acts 3:6

*“Then 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.”*

When I read this story, I think Peter must have been a Baptist. He had neither silver nor gold. You do not have to be rich. You do not have to have wealth or fame to share Jesus with others. Recently, I was walking through the halls of our church and a lady named April walked up to me. She said, “Thank you so much for the message. I have been coming here now for two weeks.” I asked her how she heard about Liberty. She told me a friend of hers had invited her. Though she has lived around the corner from the church for almost ten years, it took the invitation of a friend to get her to begin coming to our church. That story could be repeated over and over again. As a believer, the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. As you surrender to Him every single day, He will use you if you will let Him.

Peter walked into the temple. He and John were simply going there to pray. He did not approach the man with a need, the man approached him with what he thought was his need. Peter did not have wealth to give him but he did have Jesus. Satan is a liar. He will tell you that you don’t know the Bible well enough. He may tell you that people will not respect you. He will tell you that people just do not want to hear the truth. I am sure that Satan told Peter the same thing. Peter’s response was, “I may not have what you think you want, but I do have what you really need.” When Peter gave the man what he really needed, the man walked away leaping, shouting, and praising God.

Don’t let Satan tie up your tongue. Let people see Jesus in you. Give them the truth of the Gospel. Carry gospel tracts wherever you go. When you do, you will SHINE.

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## Week 10 – Lesson 6



### Put Your Back into It

Scripture reading Acts 3:7-8

*“And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.”*

Doing the work of God requires human effort. I was talking to one of our associate pastors the other day. He told me about a member of our church who had just gotten new hours at his job. He was now working four ten-hour days instead of five eight-hour days. I told him you ought to tell him how thankful you are for your job, since you get to work six fifteen-hour days. The work of the ministry is not a forty hour a week job. When we bring someone on staff at Liberty Baptist Church, we explain to them the concept that “ministry is life and life is ministry.” I often tell young people that if you want to get a life, get a ministry.

Often, when we read about miracles in the Bible, we think, about the miraculous, sovereign power of almighty God. However, I want you to notice in this miracle that God used human effort.

1. Peter had to be where he was supposed to so he could meet this man.
2. After he spoke the gracious words to this man and told him to rise and walk, he reached down and lifted him up. This took human effort.

Peter had to “put his back into it.” The work of God around us takes human effort.

Anything that God is going to do through your life, is going to take human effort on your part. It takes human effort to get up in the morning to spend time with God in prayer. It takes human effort to get your family ready to go to church on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. It takes human effort to work in the nursery or help maintain the property at church. The work of God is filled with human effort.

God wants to use you and He will SHINE through you. His grace will work through you, but He requires obedience in what He has commanded you to do. Put effort into your life. When you do, you will SHINE.