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This Man Had a Problem

- **It was not the man's fault that he was a cripple.**
- **We are all born as spiritual cripples.**
- **None of us are born worthy to enter into the presence of God.**
- **We are not spiritually whole; we are spiritually crippled.**



He Thought He Knew What He Needed

- There was no sympathy and no place for those who were not perfect.
- This man knew that he had limited potential.
- We will never get to heaven on our own.
- Until we are ready to admit to the fact that we need Jesus, He cannot help us.



What He Was Offered Was Better Than What He Wanted

- When we approach God in prayer, we must approach Him expecting an answer.
- Christ will forgive us, save us and give us eternal life, but we must ask.
- Christ has to be approached with a positive attitude.



All He Had to Do Was Believe

- Every day of his adult life the man had been carried to the same spot to beg.
- Peter took him by the hand and helped him up.
- Peter and John indeed had more to offer than silver and gold.
- Only by believing the words of a stranger was the man able to stand.



He Received More Than He Asked For

- Not even the Sanhedrin or High Priest could doubt what they had witnessed.
- Although we may have a spiritual handicap, we can be made whole.
- It does not matter what sin you have committed; Jesus Christ is able to make you whiter than snow.



Conclusion

- The man's first act was one of praise and thanksgiving.
- The man was on fire and wanted to share it with everyone he met.
- We need to get more excited about our faith.

