

A MODEL MIRACLE *Acts 3:1-10*

Whoever our human model may be, there are always aspects of that model's example that we do not _____
The early church's example: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

I. IMAGINE THE SCENE

A. The Setting 3:1-3

- 1) It was the _____ of John and Peter to go the temple at 3 pm for the afternoon sacrifice & prayer
- 2) The man had a congenital birth _____; it was his custom to be laid at the gate to the temple
- 3) The Law of Moses forbade him to enter the temple; he was at the gate so he could effectively _____

B. The Sign 3:4-7

- 1) Rather than avert their _____, Peter & John gave the beggar what he asked for—their full attention
- 2) The entire story turns on the words of Peter in v.6: in the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and _____
- 3) The beggar did not have faith to immediately _____ these words so Peter lifted him up by the hand
- 4) It was a triple miracle: a) he was healed of the birth defect; b) his useless _____ were given strength; and c) his brain was reprogrammed so that he could do what he had never _____ to do

C. The Sequel 3:8-10

- 1) The healed beggar busted up the normal atmosphere of afternoon prayers at the _____ that day
- 2) Everyone in the temple knew who this beggar was; no doubt God had performed a _____ !

II. EXAMINE THE MODEL

A. Model _____ : "Silver and gold I do not have"

- 1) Though the funds of the early church were laid at the apostles' feet, Peter had learned from _____
- 2) Is this policy a model for today's church? Both Peter & _____ teach that elders must not be greedy
- 3) Many evangelical pastors aspire to become celebrities, go on tour, write books and rake in _____

B. Model _____ : "What I do have I give you"

- 1) All should tithe, but these words embody our responsibility toward the _____ of fellow believers
- 2) Not a financial guideline, these words express our duty to share the richest gift we have, the _____

C. Model _____ : "In the name of Jesus Christ"

- 1) Is this technique for the church today? Are we to seek to heal or cast out _____ in Jesus' name?
- 2) There are no such NT commands, but we have repeated promises about _____ in Jesus' name
- 3) To pray in Jesus' name is to make a request which has Jesus' _____; it must be honored
- 4) But we must be certain that such requests are _____ with what Jesus truly wants, His will

D. Model _____ : "Rise up and walk"

- 1) The early church was not a miracle-working church, but a church with miracle-working _____
- 2) Modern faith-healers are not like the healings in the gospels/Acts in 3 ways: a) everyone healed in Acts was an _____; b) had an organic illness; c) was instantaneous, complete & _____
- 3) Does God heal today? Yes, according to His will, in answer to _____, but not thru faith-healers