



**Acts**

**3:1-10**

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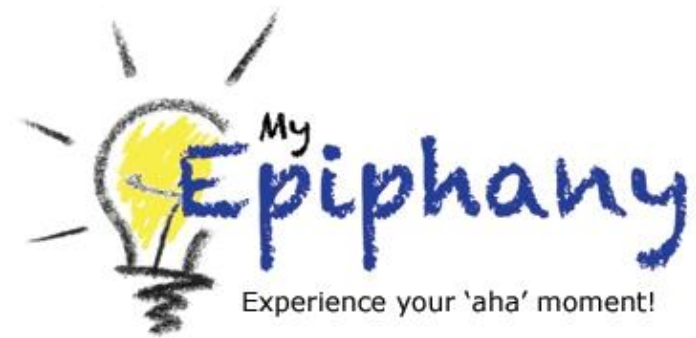
## Generosity Lifestyle

<sup>3</sup> One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**Money creates a false sense of**

**Power, Security, Value**



## Generous Lifestyle

**Be Willing, Be Alert, Be Moved**

✧ **Give what you’ve GOT**

“Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you.” v6

“Three essentials to happiness: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.” Joseph Addison

✧ **Give what they NEED**

“Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.” v7

Without God, life has no purpose, and without purpose, life has no meaning. Without meaning, life has no significance or hope... The greatest tragedy is not death, but life without purpose. -- Rick Warren

✧ **Give with an eye on the FUTURE**

Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.” v8

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28

# CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY

*I have a VISION of a generous church...*

**GENEROUS** in their praise of God and care of others.

**GENEROUS** with their resources to fulfill a mission that is challenging, inspiring, and life changing.

**GENEROUS** with their enthusiasm for the Body of Christ.

**GENEROUS** with their hearts, their enthusiasm and their hospitality.

As we approach Lent, I hope you will develop some kind of personal habit or discipline that involves understanding that your life is so full you can afford to give in all kinds of ways to other people. I consider that to be baseline spirituality.

**Generosity**, or the lack thereof, is perhaps the most telling evidence of faith, character and values.

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”

Mother Teresa