

DO YOU WANT TO REMAIN POOR?



I believe the title of this message may have struck your attention but I can see Jesus ask a very similar question to a man that we find in John chapter 5.

In John chapter 5, Jesus is in Jerusalem near the sheep gate by a pool of Bethesda and He encounters a man who has been in the same position for thirty- eight long years. This particular passage of scripture describes an environment where

there lie a great multitude of impotent folk. Many times as we read this account, we visualize a large number of sick people; lame, blind, and mute. While it is true that those that were at the pool of Bethesda were sick, the Greek word for impotent is *astheneō* and also means poor and needy. So, we can look at John 5:3 and say, “here lay a great multitude of poor people”.

I wonder if any of us are in an environment where there is a great multitude of poor people? This man was surrounded by lack and it says that he was waiting on the waters to be stirred by an angel because whoever stepped in first, would be healed of any disease that he had (John 5:4). I believe there are many of us today that are waiting on an outside source to supply for our needs financially and we have positioned ourself for poverty because we have chosen to remain passive. Particularly, we are waiting on God to move. Jesus said in John 6:38, that He has come down and I personally see God moving 2,000 years ago. He went from being worshipped to being ignored, He went from being praised to being rejected, He went from being rich to becoming poor; all so that are appetite of remaining passive could cease.

So, Jesus asks the question, “Do you want to be made well” (John 5:6). Seems like an odd question for someone who has been sick for thirty- eight years. This was not a passive or casual question on Jesus’ part. “Do you want” in Greek can be translated are you determined? My question for you today is are you determined to not remain poor? I believe your miracle is in your moving and in order to birth prosperity you will need to abort remaining passive.

Even in the Old Testament we can see man’s miracle was in their moving. As they marched, the walls fell down, when they stepped; the waters parted. Many of us have conditioned ourself to waiting on God or others to move in the arena of our finances but have you given, so it shall be given unto you? Are you sowing seed into ministries that are releasing truth into your life? You will never reap a harvest if you do not sow a seed. Consider today what your finances are going

towards and ask yourself if you are going to remain passive and wait or will you begin to move and sow seed during offering time.