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Things We Can Learn from a Blind Man

John 9:1-12

I. Trials in this World Put God's Glory on Display (vv. 1-3)

A. Trials are for God's glory and for our _____
(Rom. 5:3-5; Jms. 1:2-4)

B. Trials are to strengthen us and to _____ us
(2 Cor. 12:7-10)

II. Time Management in Your Ministry is a Must (vv. 4-5)

A. Time management is about proper _____ of your time
(Eph. 2:10; Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:15-16)

B. Time management learns from the past but _____
toward the future (Psa. 90:12)

III. Techniques May Differ But the Result is the Same (vv. 6-7)

A. The _____ ways Jesus healed people (Matt. 9:27-31;
Mark 8:22-26; Matt. 8:14-15; Mark 7:32-37; Lk. 8:43-44; Jn. 11:17)

B. The _____ outcome of the miracles Jesus
performed (Mark 2:9-11)

C. The _____ of obedience as a potential key
(2 Kings 5:1-14)

IV. Transformation in your Life Should be Dramatic (vv. 8-12)

A. A _____ identity (vv. 8-9)

B. A _____ identity (vv. 10-12)

TAKE HOME

- Is there an _____ about the work that God has called you to do?
- Are you _____ to obey whatever it is that God's Word says?
- Has your life been _____ transformed?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 9:1-3. Now look at Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4; and 2 Cor. 12:7-10. How do these passages help us see how the works of God might be displayed in the blind man? In your life?

2. Read John 9:4-5. What are the works that God has called us to do? What does Ephesians 2:10 say about this?

3. Read Matthew 5:14-16 and Ephesians 5:15-16. How do these two passages help us see the importance of time management?

4. Read Psalm 90:12 and Proverbs 31:25. How do these passages help us see how to learn from the past but to lean towards the future?

5. Read John 9:6-7. What do we mean when we say that Jesus’ techniques may differ but the results are the same? Why is this so important to understand?

6. Read Mark 2:9-11. How does this passage compliment the point of John 9 with the blind man?

7. Read John 9:8-12. How do we know this transformation in this man was so radical? What part do you think his obedience had in the outcome? What can we learn from this?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live life differently this week based on what you have learned?

“Such a miracle, above all, is meant to make us hopeful about our own souls and the souls of others. Why should we despair of salvation while we have such a Savior? Where is the spiritual disease that He cannot take away? He can open the eyes of the most sinful and ignorant, and make them see things they never saw before. He can send light into the darkest heart, and cause blindness and prejudice to pass away.”

- J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*