

# Sunday School Lesson for the Month of November 2019

## Giving in Jesus' Name

(Acts 3:1-10)

### Sunday, November 3, 2019

This Bible Lesson deals with the experience of Peter and John in the Temple when the lame man was healed. Peter gave healing to that man in Jesus' Name. His answer in response to the plea for a gift was a classic: *"Silver and Gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

It is interesting to note that Peter did not give the man what he requested. He gave him what he needed! What he gave was of more value, because he gave it in Jesus' Name.

#### **I. When you give in Jesus' Name, there is a response!**

a. An obvious need. The beggar's need was obvious, he was crippled. He made a request, and Peter & John responded.

The church also has an obvious need. A building needs to be maintained. Salaries of church staff needs to be met. Programs and ministries must be funded. The Church has an obvious need for finances. What will your response be to that need?

b. Response of Love and gratitude. By giving in Jesus' Name, our response is one of love and gratitude. Because they had Christ in their hearts, Peter and John had compassion on the man. Perhaps you have seen the bumper sticker that says, *"Honk, if you love Jesus."* But not too long ago I noticed one that expressed far better the love and gratitude one has for Jesus. This bumper sticker read, *"If you love Jesus. Tithe! – Anybody can honk!"*

### Sunday, November 10, 2019

#### **II. When you give in Jesus' Name, there is a resource!**

a. The resource we have. Peter gave to the crippled beggar from the resource he had – the power of God in Jesus Christ!

b. Utilizing the resource, we have. Notice that Peter did not give him from what he did not possess. He gave from what he had. He utilized his resource and that is the only way we can give to God. A part of all you earn is yours to give. It should not be less than a tenth and should be given first.

### **Sunday, November 17, 2019**

#### **III. When you give in Jesus' Name, there is a reward!**

a. Something wonderful can be done in Jesus' Name. The crippled man was healed. In joy, he ran and jumped as he went into the Temple. Something wonderful had been done in Jesus' Name. Through Christian giving, something wonderful can be done in Jesus' Name. It will express itself through witness of Christ, teaching about Christ, doing Ministry in the Name of Jesus, and engaging in mission for Christ's sake. Something wonderful that benefits and blesses many people can be done in Jesus' Name.

b. You can have the joy of being a part of it. When something wonderful is done in Jesus' Name, you can have the joy of being a part of it if you have practiced Christian Stewardship. We sometimes think of the reward only in material terms – but it is much more than that. There is a Spiritual joy and a sense of partnership in ministry that is very rewarding. My personal testimony is, *"I have been tithing all of my adult life and I have found that God honors those who honor Him."* You honor God by being obedient to His Word!

When you give in Jesus' Name, it is a great and wonderful experience. Your life will be greatly enriched by it. Others will benefit from it as well!

Why don't you try it?