

In the Sermon On The Mount, Jesus gives his followers the following command: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Mt. 5:16). Jesus makes it clear that our good deeds are to be motivated by a desire to point others toward God's glory. We are to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the orphan. But, our ultimate goal is to point others to a Savior who can satisfy their greatest need—the salvation of their soul. Thus, our acts of kindness are to be coupled with Gospel proclamation. The passage this week exemplifies this well. In this passage, Peter performs his first recorded miracle, healing a 40-year-old man who was lame from birth. Word travels fast about this miracle, and Peter is quick to give glory where glory is due. It would have been easy for Peter to take credit, but in verse 12 he says, "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" Peter then uses this opportunity to share the Gospel with his captivated audience, declaring, "In [Christ's] name has this man been made strong." He seizes the opportunity to declare the Gospel and turn their focus to Jesus. Like Peter, our good works are to be evangelistic opportunities.

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Answer the following questions

What do these verses SAY? _____

What do I need to OBEY? _____

What can I SHARE? _____

Next Steps: Go

Good deeds and evangelism are a powerful combination. This week, commit to perform at least one act of kindness and use that opportunity to share the Gospel. Write a note to a neighbor or co-worker. Take someone dinner and share Christ with them.

Pray for your ONE!