



"Are You Willing?"

Luke 5:12-13

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"**12** While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "**Lord**, if you are willing, you can make me clean." **13** Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him."

Intro: 1st Five Chapters of Luke

v. 12: Leprosy literally destroys the nerve endings in the body and deforms the skin.

A man with Leprosy was:

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ & _____.

v. 12 "When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and **begged** him,..." The leper was actually "longing for" him, because he knew that Jesus could heal him.

Two Characters in this narrative:

1. The _____ or _____ who needed a "touch" from Jesus
2. Jesus, who was _____ to become unclean so that the outcast could be clean.

Question for each of us today; "**Which one are you?**"

Characteristics of the Leper:

The Leper was without; _____, _____, _____.

But the Leper did have; _____ ("he fell with his face to the ground...")

The leper also had, _____ ("Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.")

Characteristics of Jesus:

He brought

- a. _____ (willing to love no matter what)
- b. _____ (was willing to become "unclean" to make "clean")
- c. _____ (there was a renewed purpose in this man's life)

Life Lesson #1: If you are a leper today...,

1. _____ the Savior and Lord of this World and Humble yourself - Bow down, be desperate and submit
- I Peter 5:6, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's might hand, that he may lift you up in de time."
2. Turn your _____ over to Him (Repent) - Every fiber of your being, all that is in you
- Acts 3:19, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,
3. Start living like there is _____
- 2 Cor. 5:17, "**17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
- 4.

Life Lesson #2: If you are Jesus with Skin on...,

1. **Be _____ of the _____ around you**
- I Cor. 9:19-22, "**19** Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. **20** To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. **21** To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.
2. **Be _____ to get your _____ (become unclean)**
- Mark 2:16,17 "**16** When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the 'sinners' and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?' **17** On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'
3. _____ **and _____ (set them on fire)** Matt. 12:11, He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?"