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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

What Does It Take?

ACTS 9:32-35 NLT – (32) Meanwhile, Peter traveled from place to place, and he came down to visit the believers in the town of Lydda. (33) There he met a man named Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years. (34) Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up, and roll up your sleeping mat!" And he was healed instantly. (35) Then the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord.

Peter had the gift of healing. God used him through His divine power. Look at the first sentence in verse (34). Peter gives all honors to Christ! The people see what Christ has done through Peter and many end up coming to Christ. In the last sentence, where it reads "they turned to the Lord," some of these people were unbelievers. Otherwise, why would they turn to Christ.

For thousands and thousands of years, Christ has used people to show His glorious gifts in the areas of healing, teaching, preaching, knowledge of His word, prophecy, discernment and the list goes on and on. Many unbelievers have experienced it and some had the opportunity to perhaps see it. And this has caused many to have a change of mind and to follow Christ.

For those who have experienced and or have seen it, and choose to "straddle the fence," my question to you is simply this, "What Does It Take?"

I talked with a Christian brother the other day, who is ready for marriage but he is upset on how his dating relationships are not working out as planned. Of course, he blamed it on the women. I reminded him to evaluate himself. God will bless you instantly with that blessed spouse, but you (talking about the brother), must focus on His work and believe! Many examples of blessed relationships are in the Bible. The answer is in the Bible. His word!

Peter showed up and blessed many people because they believed in the atoning work of Christ. My brothers and sisters in the faith, it is in His word. Engage in it and watch your life blossom like a beautiful flower and then share your testimony and watch your brother or sister in the faith blossom. If the words written in this meditation are too hard for you to grasp, "you ask Christ "What Does It Takes?"

SCRIPTURE READING

JOEL 2:21-29

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our responsibility is response to His ability.

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