

How Bad Do You Want It?

What does a doctor and a leader of a church have in common? They both have capabilities to diagnose and prescribe a remedy to heal you of that stronghold you are ailing from. Once the prescription has been given, in the doctor's case (**medicine**) and in the leader's case (**God's word, better known as the truth**), we the patients will do one of the following.

- 1) The patient will take all that has been prescribed, to be healed completely.
- 2) The patient will take some of the prescription, feeling better, but not totally healed.
- 3) The patient will not take what was prescribed at all.

Many people are walking around very sick with diseases that are crippling them more and more each day. Diseases such as bad attitudes, pride, resentment, bitterness, unforgiving, unthankful, unbecoming speech and even some who think they display a form of holiness that is pleasing to God. This list is not exhaustive! God told His people to be Holy for He is Holy. To be holy means to be set apart. Set apart from what? Set apart from whatever is displeasing to God! Some won't go to God to be healed, instead they try to heal themselves which causes them to become deeper in bondage. Why is this taking place? Because they either took some of the medicine prescribed or they did not take it at all. If they took some, it means they are straddling the fence, by sometimes living in the flesh better known as living in carnality! It would have been better not to have taken the prescription at all, because either way, they are still in the dark! Now for those who realize that things are not working out their way and you are ready to do what #1 says "take all your medicine", my question to you is "[How Bad Do You Want It](#)"?

This leads me to a story of a man who desperately wanted to be healed. What's even better is that, his brothers in the faith wanted the same. **Mark 2:1-5** NLT tell us that (1) When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. (2) Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While He was preaching God's word to them, (3) four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. (4) They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. (5) Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

The brothers dug a hole through the roof! Sheer determination and faith was what these brothers had. Jesus saw their faith and the paralyzed man was immediately healed. As I said in last week's meditation, "**No condemnation**" (**Romans 8:1**) My brothers and sisters, if you want to be healed take all the medicine that has been prescribed, (**God's word, better known as the truth**). Leave your sins at the altar and don't pick them up **ANYMORE!** When you see one of your brothers and sisters in the faith conducting themselves unholy, we as children of God have to hold them accountable. However, we must do this with gentleness as stated in **2 Timothy 2:24-26** and **Galatians 6:1-3**. If they don't want to listen, we must remove ourselves from their presence and take it to God in prayer. If you are afraid to tell them and you're just going along with the illness that they have and we are making things worse than what they already are! If we are afraid that we will lose our friendship with this ailing person, **God said** "To be a friend of this world, is to be an enemy of mine". (**James 4:4**)

Now we have the answer and for some again you see the answer is the same, the question is still "[How Bad Do You Want It](#)"

SCRIPTURE READING

2 TIMOTHY 2:15-19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Use words to heal, not to hurt.

