

"NEITHER THIS MAN NOR HIS PARENTS SINNED, BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE REVEALED IN HIM." – JN. 9:3

ARE THE WORKS OF GOD REVEALED IN YOU?

INTRODUCTION

- "NO ONE, WHEN HE HAS LIT A LAMP, PUTS IT IN A SECRET PLACE OR UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A LAMPSTAND, THAT THOSE WHO COME IN MAY SEE THE LIGHT." (LK. 11:33)
- WHAT MADE THIS MAN SO SPECIAL?
- "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." (MATT. 5:16)

1. FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE

• AND HE SAID TO HIM, "GO, WASH IN THE POOL OF SILOAM" (WHICH IS TRANSLATED, SENT). SO HE WENT AND WASHED, AND CAME BACK SEEING." (JN. 9:7)

 HE BELIEVED WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING

• "BY FAITH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORLDS WERE FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD, SO THAT THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN WERE NOT MADE OF THINGS WHICH ARE VISIBLE."
(HEB. 11:3)

"BELIEVE FIRST THEN RATIONALIZE."

"FAITH IS TO BELIEVE WHAT YOU DO NOT SEE; THE REWARD OF FAITH IS TO SEE WHAT YOU BELIEVE."

- St. Augustine

"In that hour Jesus Rejoiced in the Spirit and Said, I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that You have hidden these things from the Wise and Prudent and Revealed them to Babes.'" (LK. 10:21)

2. TO NOT BE OVERLY SENSITIVE

"ALSO DO NOT TAKE TO HEART EVERYTHING PEOPLE SAY, LEST YOU HEAR YOUR SERVANT CURSING YOU. FOR MANY TIMES, ALSO, YOUR OWN HEART HAS KNOWN THAT EVEN YOU HAVE CURSED OTHERS." (ECCL. 7:21-22)

3. SECURE

- "THEREFORE THE NEIGHBORS AND THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD SEEN THAT HE WAS BLIND SAID, 'IS NOT THIS HE WHO SAT AND BEGGED?' SOME SAID, 'THIS IS HE.' OTHERS SAID, 'HE IS LIKE HIM.' HE SAID, 'I AM HE.' (JN. 9:8-9)
- "How can you draw close to God when you are far from your own self? Grant, Lord, that I may know myself, that I may know thee." (St. Augustine)

4. HONEST

- HE WAS TRUTHFUL
- "Then they said to him, 'Where is He?' He said, 'I do not know." (Jn. 9:12)
- "THEREFORE THEY SAID TO HIM, 'HOW WERE YOUR EYES
 OPENED?' HE ANSWERED AND SAID, 'A MAN CALLED JESUS
 MADE CLAY AND ANOINTED MY EYES AND SAID TO ME, "GO
 TO THE POOL OF SILOAM AND WASH." SO I WENT AND
 WASHED, AND I RECEIVED SIGHT.'" (JN. 9:10-11)

SUMMARY

- What can we learn from the blind man?
 - 1. FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE
 - 2. TO NOT BE OVERLY SENSITIVE
 - 3. SECURE IN HIMSELF
 - 4. HONEST
- THE WORKS OF GOD CAN BE REVEALED IN YOU