

SPIRITUAL DEFECTS #5 "Broken Feet and Hands"

Lev 21:16-19

Series: Lev 21:16-24 Those not to minister in the temple - physical defects. Physical of the OT is the spiritual of the NT. things that will hinder us from ministering as men of God. Today: Broken Feet & Hands.

I. BROKEN FEET

A. The great need in life is faithful men

1. **2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

a. Faithful = Trustworthy, reliable...able to place confidence in

2. **Work that needs to be done:** In the church/ministry/working with people/pastoral work

3. **A life that needs to be believable:** The root word of faithful is believable (Credibility)

a. People will follow/model their life after/give time & \$ - because they believe in a man

B. The great problem in life is unfaithful men: **V19** broken foot...

1. **Proverbs 25:19** Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

a. Bad tooth: Can't even eat...not able to sustain yourself

b. Foot out of joint/broken: Let you down - will collapse when you put pressure; No progress

1. Times of pressure/when you need the most - they will let you down!

2. This affects people and the work of God powerfully

a. **Work doesn't get done** b. **No credibility:** Talk is cheap! Can't get wife or other people to follow

c. **Destiny is never fulfilled:** So many men have great potential - but they are unfaithful

C. The common mistake of disciples is trying to be 'powerful' without being faithful

1. *I will be Smith Wigglesworth - by tonight! Pray 10 hours/read 10 hours...but not faithful!*

a. **1 Corinthians 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

II. BROKEN HANDS

A. Men get excited/motivated - they want to help/they want to fulfill their destiny

1. They are tremendous at starting...but not at finishing

a. You never see anything come of their good intentions - or the efforts they do put forth

1. *Spiritual ADD: I'm going to do a work for God...hey, look at the pretty flowers!*

B. **V19** broken hands: They can't keep holding on

1. Not able to stay focused in order to follow through until completion - so the original task/idea slips away

a. **1 Kings 20:40 NLT** But while I was busy doing something else, the prisoner disappeared!" "Well, it's your own fault," the king replied. "You have brought the judgment on yourself."

2. Busy people can be lazy people: Always doing but never doing something to the end

a. they start doing something good/right - but they get distracted & wind up doing something else

C. This is another manifestation of faithfulness

1. Need to hang on for long haul

a. **2 Sam. 23:10** but Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword.

1. Stay attached to your task until the job is done!

2. Emotions have to be overcome: I don't feel excited anymore/I feel unrewarded/I'm tired/bored

a. This is a true test of manhood **1 Corinthians 16:13** Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

III. THE BAN ON LAZINESS

A. Having broken feet/hands means you can't work

1. God is banning lazy disciples/lazy Pastors! **V19** a man with a broken foot or hand ...

a. **Prov 12:27** A lazy man won't even dress the game he gets while hunting... Emotion/stirring: But no follow-through

2. Consequences: Work doesn't get done & credibility is damaged

B. 3 truths about ministry and work:

1. **Ministry is hard work!** Bible word - laborers/workers!

a. *That's why men were called who were working!*

2. **Ministry involves unpleasant tasks:** Much of ministry is not enjoyable or rewarding

a. *Counseling people who won't do what you say!* b. *Refereeing fights* c. *Playing detective*

3. **Ministry requires hard work at unpleasant tasks over the long term**

a. We don't mind hard work/boring/no reward for a few minutes - just don't let it go on!

C. Good news: God can heal broken Feet & Hands!

1. **Matthew 21:14** Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

a. Being healed is the springboard to ministry - and effectiveness in all of life