

CHRIST OUR HEALER
John 5:1-15

Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Four Things That Were Necessary For His Healing:

1. He Needed To _____

- Verse 6, "When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, He asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'"
- There are people who, if given an opportunity for healing, might actually choose to remain sick.
- Drs. Minirth and Meyer, "...We insist that our patients stop saying "can't" and say "won't" instead." "...When they change their "can'ts" to "won'ts" they stop avoiding the truth and start facing reality."
- Philippians 4:18, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

2. He Needed To _____

- Verse 7, "Sir, I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."
- It's so easy to blame other people for our problems.
- Romans 14:12, "Each of us will give an account of himself to God."

3. He Needed To _____

- Verse 8, "Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk. At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.'"
- Jesus asked the man to do something that he hadn't done for 38 years.
- If we want to get well, we just can't sit around and hope for healing.
- Proverbs 10:4, "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth."

4. He Needed To _____

- Verse 15, "The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well."
- When Christ revealed himself to the man, the man took the initiative to let others know the wonderful thing that Christ had done for him.
- Psalm 72:18, "Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel who alone does marvelous deeds."
- James 1:16-17, "Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above..."

Isaiah 53:5, "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."

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