

Ministering By Deed Godliness Draws People

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What We Will Learn

- People were drawn to Jesus
- By his deed: compassionate, healed the sick, expelled evil spirits
- They listened to his message as well
- He teaches us to minister by deeds
- To draw people to ourselves
- In the same way
- Examples from Matthew, Mark, and Luke

Large Crowds Followed Him

- Taught in the synagogues
- Healed every disease and sickness
- People brought the sick
- And demon-possessed
- From all around
- Matthew 4:23–25; Mark 3:7–11
- Luke 4:40–41

Matthew 4 (NIV)

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 4 (NIV)

24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Mark 3 (NIV)

7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed.

8 When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.

Mark 3 (NIV)

9 Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.

10 For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

11 Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”

Luke 4 (NIV)

40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

Example: Man with Leprosy

- Man knelt before him
- Expressed faith
- And asked for healing
- He touched the man and healed him
- Told him to report himself to the priest
- And offer sacrifice
- To fulfill a law from Moses
- Matthew 8:1–4

Matthew 8 (NIV)

1 When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.

2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Matthew 8 (NIV)

3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

4 Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

Compassion and Miracles of God

- People drawn to him because of his compassion and power of miracles
- The Centurion's servant
Matthew 8:5–13 [Not read in session]
- Peter's mother-in-law
Matthew 8:14–15 [Not read in session]
- Two demon-possessed men
Matthew 8:28–34 [Not read in session]

Compassion and Miracles of God cont'd

- Paralyzed man brought by friends
Matthew 9:1–8 [Not read in session]
- Dead daughter of a ruler
Matthew 9:18–19, 23–26 [Not read in session]
- Woman with long-term bleeding
Matthew 9:20–22 [Not read in session]
- Two blind men
Matthew 9:27–31

Matthew 9 (NIV)

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

“Yes, Lord,” they replied.

Matthew 9 (NIV)

29 Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”;

30 and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.”

31 But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

People Drawn to Him Because of His Godliness

- His compassion
- Miraculous healing
- And casting away demons
- A manifestation of his Godliness
- Godliness drew people to him
- He taught (e.g., sermon on the mount)
- Godliness will draw people to a person

Let Your Godliness Shine

- Human Godliness
- (Living in the image of God)
- Manifests through human goodness
 - Conveyor of image of God
 - Channel for God's compassion
- Can draw people to a person
- Same way people were drawn to Jesus
- Because of his Godliness

Let Your Godliness Shine

Luke 8 (NIV)

16 “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.

Manifestation of Human Godliness

- Dependable and friendly
- Peacemaker
- Compassionate (sensitive to needs)
- Truthful
- Respects authority and others
- Humble
- Other examples

What We Learned

- People were drawn to Jesus
- Because of his Godliness
 - Compassion
 - Power of miracles
- Similarly
- Human Godliness
 - Human goodness
 - (Living in image of God)
- Will draw people to a person