

Luke 5:12 (NLT)

[12] In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.”

Luke 5:13-14 (NLT)

[14] Then Jesus instructed him not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, “Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.”

Luke 5:15-16 (NLT)

[15] But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. [16] But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

WILLING HANDS ?

Luke 5:12-16

Leviticus 13:45-46 (ESV)

The leprous person who has the disease shall **WEAR TORN CLOTHES** and let the **HAIR** of his head **HANG LOOSE**, and he shall **COVER HIS UPPER LIP** and **CRY OUT**, 'UNCLEAN, unclean.' [46] He shall **remain unclean** as long as he has the disease.

He is unclean. **HE SHALL LIVE ALONE.**

His dwelling shall be **OUTSIDE** the camp.

→ These are all signs of **MOURNING** in the Old Testament. Here they symbolize that a person is **RITUALLY DEAD.**

ESV

Impact of LEPROSY on a Person

- Physically - **INCURABLE**
- Emotionally - **OUTCAST** Isolated
- Spiritually - Perpetually **UNCLEAN**

The **LEPER**

- **BROKE** Old Testament Law
- came **HUMBLY**
- recognized the **SOVEREIGNTY** of Jesus
- recognized the **POWER** of Jesus

Mark 1:41 (NIV)

Filled with **COMPASSION**,
Jesus reached out his hand
and **TOUCHED** the man.

"I am willing," he said. **"Be clean!"**

JESUS

- **FILLED** with Compassion
- reached out and **TOUCHED** the leper
- made the leper **CLEAN**

Jesus **TOUCHED** the Leper

- Physically - showing he was **LOVED**
- Emotionally - showing he was **NOT UNTOUCHABLE**
- Spiritually - showing he was **CLEAN**

Luke 7:20, 22 (NIV)

When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?

...[22] So he replied to the messengers, "**Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard:** The blind **receive sight**, the lame **walk**, those who have leprosy are **cured**, the deaf **hear**, the dead are **raised**, and the **GOOD NEWS** is **preached** to the **poor**."

Mark 1:41 (NAS)

MOVED with compassion,
Jesus stretched out His hand and
TOUCHED him...

Romans 12:15 (ESV)

REJOICE with those who rejoice,
WEEP with those who weep.

Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)

God is **NOT UNJUST**;

he will **NOT FORGET** your **work**

and the love you have shown HIM

AS you have helped his people and

continue to help them.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

Let us **NOT** become **WEARY** in doing **GOOD**, for at the proper time we **WILL REAP** a **HARVEST** if we do **not give up**. [10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **DO GOOD** to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Mark 9:41 (NIV)

I tell you the truth, anyone who gives
you a cup of water **IN MY NAME**
because you belong to Christ
will certainly not lose his reward.

Questions

1. How can we learn to be **MOVED** by those things that move Jesus?
2. Why is it so hard for us to serve with no recognition?
3. Why is important to remember God **NEVER FORGETS** those things we do as we serve Him?