

Power and Popularity Luke 5:12-16

Intro: How much are you *willing* to do for Jesus? At what point would you draw the line in serving Him? Have you ever really *sacrificed* anything for the sake of your testimony of love for Jesus Christ? On the other hand, how much do you think Jesus is *willing* to do for you? Here's at least one setting where we are clearly told what Jesus was willing to do for someone in need.

I. The infirmed knew where to find Jesus! (Luke 5:12)

- A. A man full of leprosy...
- B. The OT and leprosy; a brief overview...
 - 1. Test of leprosy: Leviticus 13
 - 2. Heartache of leprosy: II Chronicles 26—King Uzziah
- C. Jesus and leprosy; a brief examination...
 - 1. Similar accounts: Matthew 8:2; Mark 1:40
 - 2. Simon the leper: Matthew 26:6, 14:3
 - 3. Many lepers: Luke 4:27; Luke 17:12-19

II. Jesus knew what to do with the infirmed!

- A. Humility—of necessity and of respect (Luke 5:12)
- B. Jesus touching a leprous man (Luke 5:13)
- C. “Lord, if you are willing...” “I am willing; be cleansed.”

III. Jesus knew what to do with the law! (Luke 5:14)

- A. Be quiet
- B. Go to a priest
- C. Make an offering
- D. Just as Moses commanded
- E. For a testimony...

IV. Given the power and ability of our Savior, are we *willing* to go and be a testimony for Him?