



The Secret

Series: "Real Christianity: How It Flourished", Part 1 of 11

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Text: Acts 3:1-10

Big Idea: As we act in the Lord's name, under His authority, He does His work through us.

I. God uses people who are already doing what they know to do.

Acts 3:1, "One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon."

II. God uses people who are alert to divine appointments.

Acts 3:2-3, "Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money."

III. God uses people who are perceptive to the needs around them.

Acts 3:4a, "Peter looked straight at him, as did John."

IV. God uses people who take what God has given and steward it wisely.

Acts 3:4-6, "Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Acts 3:16a, "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong."

IV. God uses people who are willing to take a risk for God and trust Him for the results.

Acts 3:7-10, "Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."