

Do You Want to Be Healed?
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Do you want to get well?

To answer that question truthfully, we must ask ourselves:

1. Do I believe change is possible?

--John 5:1-6 (NLT)

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

--Mark 9:21-24 (NIV)

Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”
“From childhood,” he answered. “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”
“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”
Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

2. Am I making excuses?

--John 5:7 (NLT)

“I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up.

--Proverbs 6:30-31 (NLT)

Excuses might be found for a thief who steals because he is starving.
But if he is caught, he must pay back seven times what he stole, even if he has to sell everything in his house.

--Proverbs 24:12 (NLT)

Don’t excuse yourself by saying, “Look, we didn’t know.” For God understands all hearts, and he sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve.

3. Am I blaming others?

--John 5:7 (NLT)

“I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

--Genesis 3:12 (NLT)

The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

If we truly want to get well, what must we do?

--John 5:8 (NLT)

Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

- 1. Get up! (Take the all-important first step)**
- 2. Pick up your mat! (Take away your security blanket)**
- 3. Walk! (Take steps to glorify God)**

--John 5:11-15 (NLT)

But he replied, "The man who healed me told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

"Who said such a thing as that?" they demanded.

The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.