THOSE "OVERLY NEEDY" PEOPLE
THOSE PEOPLE, PART 1

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- **Relief**: Immediate & Temporary <u>Assistance</u>.

- **Restoration**: Working With People To <u>Restore</u> Them To Their God-Given Potential.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer — at three in the afternoon. 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 <u>money</u>. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, <u>expecting to get something from them</u>.
Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of <u>Jesus Christ</u> of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, <u>he helped him up</u>, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and <u>began to walk</u>. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and <u>praising God</u>.
Acts 3:1-8

Three Prayers Of A Restorer

1) God, Help Me Give People What They Truly _____ Not Just What They _____.

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of <u>Jesus Christ</u> of Nazareth, walk.
Acts 3:6

2) God, Help Me Stay Out Of Your Way By Not Continually _____ People From Their _____.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. People <u>reap what they sow</u>.
Galatians 6:7

3) God, Help Me Remember That _____ _____ And That You Are Always _____.

I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer.
Psalm 70:5

For Discussion

- Who is someone you know that is needy? What steps can you take to help restore them?
- Share a time when you received what you wanted instead of what you really needed. What did you learn from that experience?
- Where do you need God's restoration in your life?

* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted