

LIVING FOR GOD
A STUDY OF 2 KINGS
#4: THE TALE OF TWO LEPERS
2 KINGS 5:1-27
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APPLICATION POINTS WE LEARN FROM 2 KINGS 5:1-27

1. Realize that physical sickness and death are the great equalizers (v.1)

Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything—all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure—these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important.

Steve Jobs

2. Desire God's best even for those who treat me the worst (v.2-3)

...I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

Luke 6:27b-28 (NLT)

3. Accept that the method God uses to work in my life may be different than my expectations (v.4-12)

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

Isaiah 55:8 (NLT)

4. Recognize that sometimes the simplest thing that God asks me to do is often the hardest (v.13-19)

5. Since I can't hide my sin from God – I should simply confess it (v.20-27)

6. Insisting that I deserve certain things is a destructive form of pride and greed (v.20-27)

7. Beware of trading temporary gain for eternal glory (v.20-27)