

Not Him, The Other Guy

Gehazi

(2 Kings 4-5)

- Introduction:
1. Who told Naaman to dip seven times in the Jordan River?
 2. Most would answer, "Elisha," and that would be right, but he actually had his servant relay those words to Naaman.
 3. In this lesson, I don't want to talk about Elisha, but the other guy, Gehazi.
 4. In 2 Kings, we read of a servant of Elisha by the name of Gehazi and his struggle with developing the heart of a servant.

I. Exclusivity

- A. (2 Kings 4:27).
- B. Gehazi was interested in the welfare of his master.
- C. But he was overly protective and overly possessive.
- D. (Numbers 11:24-30) Joshua and Moses.
- E. (Mark 10:13-16) Jesus and Little Children.
- F. (Mark 9:38-41) John and disciples.

II. Failure

- A. (2 Kings 4:31-41).
- B. Gehazi is obedient, but Elisha gets all the glory, thanks, and praise.
- C. To add embarrassment to his frustration, Gehazi (?) nearly poisoned everybody when asked to make a stew.
- D. (2 Kings 5:9-12).
 1. In all probability, Gehazi was the servant Elisha sent to Naaman.
 2. Gehazi was just being obedient, and took all the verbal abuse.

III. Greed

- A. (2 Kings 5:15-27).
- B. Gehazi wanted the reward that Naaman had offered for his healing.
- C. Gehazi disobeyed the will of his master, lied to Naaman, and lied to Elisha, and paid the consequences.

- Conclusion:
1. It's difficult to be a servant.
 2. But learn to let it be enough.
 3. (Romans 16:23).