

## By Deed and Word

### Description

[RG AUDIO 060312](#) Psalm 71:14-24

“Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary use words,” has probably been inaccurately attributed to Francis of Assisi. Still, it is a noble sentiment in some ways—“Let your life and actions so clearly proclaim the good news of Christ that words become superfluous.” From a practical standpoint, however, words are usually necessary. It is through words that we provide context and meaning to our actions.

Peter and John were entering the temple when they encountered a crippled beggar. Peter extended his hand to the man and he was instantly healed. When Peter noticed the crowd staring at them he asked, “Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?” (Acts 3:12**b**). He proceeded to explain that it was through Jesus, and by his name that this healing had come.

We need to proclaim by word and deed all that our gracious God has done for us so that others may come to know and place their faith in him.

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