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**Five Essential Ingredients Needed**

1. **Consistency In The Presence Of The Lord**
   1. V. 17 – When you are in the presence of the Lord. Where His truth is being shared. Where there is faith in Him & His Word.
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   1. V. 18 – Men brought the paralyzed man.
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      Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
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   1. V. 24,25 – “He said to the paralyzed man, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately the man did exactly what the Lord told Him.
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