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The four lepers selfishly satisfied their own hunger. Soon, however, they began thinking of their starving fellow citizens. "We have good news which can save many lives. How can we hold our peace? How can we keep quiet about it?" The lepers finally did the right thing and went to the city to announce the good news. The city was saved.

**Today, men and women are spiritually starving to death. They desperately need the Bread of Life (John 6:35).** We, who have tasted that the LORD is gracious (*Psalm 34:8; 1 Pet. 2:3*) and who have feasted on the Bread from Heaven, have good news which others need to hear. How can we hold our peace? How can we remain silent? If one discovered a cure for cancer, would he keep it a secret? "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (*1 Cor. 9:6*)!

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