

Be Positive

Gratitude

Luke 17:11-17

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Luke 17 ¹¹ As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" ¹⁶ He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? (NLT)

Three ways of looking at life:

1. **NOT GRATEFUL** for anything

2 Timothy 3 ¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy... (NIV)

2. **GRATEFUL** for some things.

3. **GRATEFUL** for everything.

James 1 ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights... (NIV)

Why does God want us to be grateful for everything?

1. Gratitude **HONORS** God.

Psalms 50 ²³ Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. (NLT)

1 Chronicles 23 ³⁰ And each morning and evening they stood before the LORD to sing songs of thanks and praise to him... (NLT)

2. Gratitude shows our **DEPENDENCE** on God.

1 Thessalonians 5 ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (NLT)

3. Gratitude shows our **FAITH** in God.

Hebrews 12 ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire. (CEB)

4. Gratitude shows others the **GOODNESS OF GOD**.

Ephesians 4 ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (NIV)

Action Step: **MAKE A GRATITUDE LIST!**