

The Evidence of Thankfulness

Luke 17:11-19

Introduction:

Thankfulness – is the proper response of gratitude that all true believers are to show toward God in response to everything He has done and continues to do for us no matter how small or great the blessing.

“There is one sin that is most prevalent today, it is the sin of ungratefulness.”

I. Lepers Stood at a Distance vss. 11-12

- a. They had to because of being “Unclean” Lev 13:45-46
- b. The issue of leprosy can be compared to SIN
- c. If sin is not dealt with it will eventually take over the whole body.

II. Crying Out to Jesus v.13

- a. Calling Jesus “Master” shows they knew of His reputation of Power and healing Lk 18:38-43
- b. Jesus was their only hope

III. Jesus Responds to Their Cry v.14

- a. He tells them to go and show yourselves to the priest.
- b. Jesus was testing their faith and obedience
- c. Jesus also affirmed the viability of divine law.
Lev 13 & 14 – the priest was the health inspector.
- d. The Miracle healing – was without fanfare, because that is just a normal thing in the course of being God.

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IV. The One Who Came Back v.15

- a. He stopped in his tracks spun around and came back to Jesus full of joy, amazement, and wonder
- b. He realized he had been in the presence of God and wanted more than a physical healing

V. He Falls on his Face at Jesus' Feet v.16

- a. He worships Jesus – he knew that God alone was to be worshiped
- b. He wanted a relationship with Jesus and he wanted all Jesus had to offer – Salvation

VI. Where are the other Nine vss. 17

- a. This is an important point about **Ungratefulness**
- b. This hurts Jesus more because the 9 were God's chosen people.
- c. They were very shallow, they had no desire to worship Jesus, no desire to glorify Him and no desire to thank Him.

VII. No One Found to Give God Glory .18

- a. Jesus shares only a foreigner a Samaritan gave God glory
- b. No one from His covenant People – this illustration often reflects so called Christians today.

VIII. Your Faith has Made You Well v.19

- a. This level of faith displayed by the Samaritan was a greater faith
- b. It was SAVING Faith! The Greek word used for well here is the word for Salvation.