

**“Thanks Living”**  
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**Luke 17:11-19**

**Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers**

*All ten lepers ...*

- ... were desperate with an incurable leprosy disease.
- ... were isolated from society and had to keep their distance from others.
- ... cried out to Jesus for mercy and healing.
- ... were healed as they obeyed Jesus' words!

*Only one leper ...*

- ... returned to give thanks!

**I. Thanklessness**

- ❖ A common attitude of the world toward God.

*“For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Romans 1:21*

- ❖ A characteristic of people in the end times.

*“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,” 2 Timothy 3:1-2 NKJ*

- ❖ Why are people “thankless”?

- ✓ Forgetfulness
- ✓ An attitude of entitlement
- ✓ Procrastination
- ✓ Distractedness
- ✓ Taking blessings for granted
- ✓ An ungrateful feeling that we deserve more!

**II. Thankfulness**

- ❖ Glorifies God!

*“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!” Psalm 50:23*

- ❖ Magnifies God!

*“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30*

- ❖ Indicates trust in God in every situation!

*“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

- ❖ Acknowledges God's sovereignty in all areas of life!

*“giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” Ephesians 5:20*

- ❖ The superior alternative for foolish talking!

*“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.” Ephesians 5:4*

❖ A key part of praying to God!

*“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6*

❖ An act of our will!

*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15*

**Thankfulness matters to God!**

*“Then Jesus answered, ‘Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?’” Luke 17:17*

*Psalm 107:1-2*

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, ... ”*