

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

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Luke 17:11–19 (NLT) (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? (18) Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” (19) And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

1) God wants us to _____ and acknowledge the things He does for us.

1 Chronicles 16:8m (NLT) (8) Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.

Psalms 92:1 (NLT) (1) It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High.

Psalms 100:4 (NLT) (4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms 106:1 (NLT) (1) Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Colossians 3:15 (NLT) (15) And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

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

GOD WANTS US TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO HIM BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY.

2) Being grateful and expressing thanks generally doesn’t happen without _____ on our part.

2 Timothy 3:1–2 (NLT) (1) You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. (2) For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful.

What do you have to be thankful for today?

3) Being a grateful person and expressing thanks to God has _____.

Luke 17:19 (NLT) (19) And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. **Your faith has healed you.**"

a) We will experience less _____ and have greater peace.

Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT) (6) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. (7) Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

b) It will help us to not _____.

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

James 1:2–4 (NLT) (2) Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. (3) For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. (4) So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

c) It helps us to be more _____ and not covet what others have.

1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NLT) (6) Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. (7) After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. (8) So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. (9) But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. (10) For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

d) It helps us to draw us _____ and trust Him more.

James 1:17 (NLT) (17) Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

4) Being a grateful person and expressing thanks to God _____ for you to talk with others about what Jesus has done in your life.

PEOPLE NOTICE WHEN YOU ARE A GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL PERSON!

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