“Living a Lifestyle of Gratitude”

Colossians 2:6-7
10 Lepers – Luke 17:11-19
Gratitude Was Expressed!
1. Recognize the Root of Ingratitude: **Pride!**

Adam and Eve’s issue (Gen. 3) “I want more!”

Vs. 6 – “the tree was **good** for food”
* it was a **delight** to the eyes”
* “it was **desirable** to make one wise…”

Eve was **deceived** (Genesis 3:13);
Adam **rebelled**” (Genesis 2:15-17)
Satan’s Strategy: **Convince You That You Don’t Need God!**

Ingratitude = the catalyst to straying from God “for even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks…”

(Romans 1:21)

**The Ever-Present Temptation: “I” did this!**

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

esp. 14 – “then your heart becomes proud and your forget the Lord your God...”

vs. 17 – “…my power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth!”
Israel’s Example is For Us!

1 Corinthians 10:6-11

“Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things” vs. 6
Do not be idolaters vs. 7
Nor let us act immorally vs. 8
Nor let us try the Lord vs. 9
Nor grumble vs. 10
Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction vs. 11

COUNTER PRIDE WITH HUMILITY;
God has blessed us!
2. **Continue Recognizing the Source.**

God meets our needs ... *plus some!*

He gives extra:
* **for you to save**! “...the foolish man swallows it up!” (Proverbs 21:20)

* **for you to share**!
“He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need” (Ephesians 4:28).

“And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God” (Hebrews 13:6).
What Grateful Looks Like

Regular worship of the Lord, the SOURCE of every good and perfect gift! (James 1:17)

Systematic service for His Kingdom (called to obedience, not an emotion)

Sacrificial heart for those lost or in need

King David Psalm 51:10-13

“Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will be converted to Thee.”
Gratitude “In Motion”
“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another” (1 Peter 4:10 NLT)
Steps You Can Take To a Life-Style Of Gratitude (Colossians 2:6-7)

1. Slow down, stop, consider your life.

2. “Remember how you received Jesus” (Colossians 2:6)
   * desperate + broken
   * SO grateful for forgiveness and cleansing!
   * no-strings attached

3. “Walk in Him...” vs. 6 – i.e. a life of service
“Overflowing With Gratitude…” vs. 7

“firmly rooted/grounded”
“built up in Him” (progress)
“established in faith”
“as you were instructed”