



Be Thankful Part 2

Key Scripture for this Series:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Always be joyful. 17 Never stop praying. 18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Today's Text:

Luke 17:11-19

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

TWO THINGS STANDOUT IN THIS STORY:

1. Leprosy in the Bible gives us a graphic physical image of _____
_____.
2. Ten lepers, 9 were Jews, 1 was a Samaritan. Only 1 was _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

WHAT WE SEE AS LESSONS:

1. _____ of _____ were taken that resulted in healing from leprosy.

Is your trust in God strong enough that you _____ on what He says even before you see _____ that it will work?

Matthew 9:2

Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

1 Corinthians 2:5

That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

WHAT WE SEE AS LESSONS:

2. There is a difference between _____ and _____ healing.

Luke 17:14

So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

Luke 17:15

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

The nine symbolize people that only want _____ blessings.

WHAT WE SEE AS LESSONS:

3. The one who came back to Jesus with a grateful spirit wanted to _____ with _____.

A difference we see is how the 9 just seem to be _____ with Jesus because He was a _____.

Luke 17:17-18

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WHAT WE SEE AS LESSONS:

3. Continued...

Luke 17:15-16

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

Through this act of thanksgiving, this former leper further _____ his _____.

Colossians 3:1-2

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:10

Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

WHAT WE SEE AS LESSONS:

4. Jesus will use our _____ to Him to _____ us more about Himself.

Luke 17:19

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

A person truly _____ identifies with Jesus through a life of _____.

Conclusion:

We see in this story that unless gratitude is a part of our nature, we can't be whole people.

Reflection:

1. Do you live a life of thanksgiving or do you need to be prompted to give thanks?