

## Perfecting Our Thanks Giving

Series: Growing Through Gratitude

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**We may have perfected Thanksgiving, but we need to work on our thanks giving.**

<sup>12</sup> As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, <sup>13</sup> crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" <sup>16</sup> He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you." Luke 17:12-19 (NLT)

### The Plight of a Leper-

**There is a huge difference between simply feeling gratitude and expressing gratitude.**

**"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." ~ William Arthur Ward**

### Expressing our Gratitude:

1. Keeps us humble and dependant vs. 16.
2. Cultivates greater intimacy with God vs. 16
3. Releases greater blessing vs. 19

### 4. Blesses God- Psalm 69:30-31

**God never gets tired of hearing our praise or blessing us. Let your thanks to Him overflow!**

### Four Ways to Express Gratitude:

It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup> To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning And your faithfulness by night, <sup>3</sup> with the ten-stringed lute and with the harp, with resounding music upon the lyre. <sup>4</sup> For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what you have done, I will sing for joy at the works of your hands. <sup>5</sup> How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts! Psalm 92:1-4 (NASB)

1. With Our Words- Proverbs 25:11
2. With Our Worship- Psalm 100:4-5
3. With Our Giving - 2 Corinthians 9:7
4. With Our Lives – 1 Peter 1:16

### Expressing Our Thanks Today

- Let's direct our thanks to God.
- Let's recognize that nothing is too small
- And out of respect for others... keep it 1 minute