

Thanksgiving Season

The Other Nine?

Luke 17:11-19

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Bottom Line:

Thankfulness is such a core foundational characteristic of the believer. It points to an attitude of the heart that rejoices in the mercy and grace of God which is so powerfully evidenced in our lives!

Intro: The story of the ten lepers in Luke 17:11–19 is one of the clearest windows into the human heart's response to God's grace. Jesus heals ten, but only one returns. One worships. One gives thanks. One understands what God has done.

1. Thankfulness is best nurtured when a person recognizes his/her need! **Luke 17:11-13**

A. Our need for mercy points to the fact that we are all spiritual “lepers.”
Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1

B. Our need for “healing” is met as we cry out to Christ.
Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:6-7

2. Thankfulness grows through obedience and faith! Luke 17:14-16

“Obedience is the mother of gratitude. For when we trust and obey, we see the goodness of God more clearly.” — Charles Spurgeon

A. Faith-Filled Obedience Positions Us to Experience God's Blessings.
James 1:22; John 14:21

B. Only Those Who Combine Obedience With Worship Experience Deep Gratitude!
Hebrews 13:15; Colossians 3:16

3. Thankfulness leads to deeper faith and Joy (contentment)! Luke 17:17-19

“Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives and faith matures.”

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

Philippians 4:6–7 teaches that thanksgiving is the gateway to peace beyond understanding.

Colossians 4:2–6 connects prayerful thanksgiving with evangelistic speech.

2 Corinthians 4:15 – seeing God's grace produces thankfulness

Conclusion