

Thankful

Luke 18:9-14

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Part of Thanksgiving

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GIFTS are NOT the foundation for BIBLICAL thanksgiving.

What am I thankful for? Am I thankful ?

The GIVER is the foundation for BIBLICAL thanksgiving.

Should our level of thanksgiving ever change?

KNOWING Jesus grows THANKSGIVING.

Luke 18:9-14 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get. ’

13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner! ’

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. ”

Pharisee-style THANKSGIVING is GRATITUDE rooted in pride, comparison, self-glory, or anger.

People who receive God’s MERCY are those HUMBLE enough to ASK for it.

Tax-Collector style THANKSGIVING is GRATITUDE rooted in need, mercy, and humility.

A Way for More Gratitude:

EXAMINE your heart.

CONFESS the MERCY you need.

PRACTICE thanksgiving.

Small Group Questions:

What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving Day?

Is thanksgiving (as a practice) easy for you?

What makes thanksgiving (as a practice) easier?

Why is humility connected to thanksgiving?

What are some practical ways to practice thanksgiving?