

# I'M GRATEFUL

Stay Positive: Part 2

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## Luke 17:11-17 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup>As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. <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?"

## FOUR LEVELS OF LIVING

- 1) **COMPLAIN** about everything.
- 2) Thankful for **NOTHING**.
- 3) Thankful for **SOME THINGS**.
- 4) Thankful for **EVERYTHING!**

## WHY GOD WANTS ME TO BE THANKFUL ALWAYS

### 1. IT **DECLARES** GOD'S GOODNESS.

*"Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me." (Psalm 50:23a, NLT)*

*"And each morning and evening they stood before the LORD to sing songs of thanks and praise to him." (1 Chronicles 23:30, NLT)*

### 2. IT **DEEPENS** MY DEPENDENCE.

*"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!" (Habakkuk 3:17-18, NLT)*

*"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT)*

### 3. IT **DEMONSTRATES** MY FAITH.

*"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people." (Philippians 2:14-15, NLT)*

### 4. IT **DEFEATS** THE DEVIL.

*“And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:26–27, NLT)*

**5. IT DEFLECTS BITTERNESS.**

*“Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.” (Hebrews 12:15b, NLT)*

*“Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:20, NRSV)*

**6. IT DEVELOPS OTHERS.**

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29, NIV)*

**ACTION STEP:**  
**SEND A NOTE OF GRATITUDE.**