



Last Week:

We have a tendency to be grudge.  
It's a better life to be gracious.

We have a tendency to be self-righteous.  
It's a better life to be grateful.

Is someone able to grow in their gratitude?

Simon

- He was a part of the religious elite.
- He saw Jesus as an equal.
- He had people in two categories: the righteous and the sinners.

Luke 7:38 *As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.*

The Woman

- She was a sinful woman.
- Her alabaster jar contained a year's wage.
- She was highly expressive in her gratitude.

One's expression of gratitude can fluctuate based on their personality, pride, penitence, or presence.

Luke 7:41-42 *“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”*

500 denarii = \$75,000

50 denarii = \$7,500

10,000 talents = \$10,083,620,000

In each case, the debt is being described as too great to pay back.

Luke 7:47 *“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”*

The intensity of your gratitude is proportionate to your perception of the greatness of your forgiveness.

Question: How much do you think you've been forgiven?

There's a Better Life

Take how much you think you've been forgiven and multiply it by 10 or maybe even 1,344,483!

And when you've let that settle in...thank Him!