

**The Power of Thanksgiving**  
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**Text: Luke 7:37-38 & 44-50 (NLT)**

**A. The attitude of gratitude reveals the state of your heart toward God.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)**

1. Shows trust in God's provision in our life.
2. The attitude of gratitude is the Key to entering God's presence.

**Psalms 100:4-5 (NLT)**

3. Giving thanks is the first step toward the presence of God.
4. The presence of God is where we receive forgiveness for sins, healing for our body, direction for our life, and power to serve God.

**Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)**

**B. What you do physically affects you spiritually.**

1. Make the choice to be thankful, don't depend on circumstances or feelings
2. Actions of worship precede our feelings
  - i. Lifting your hands.

**I Timothy 2:8 (NLT)**

- ii. Shouting to the Lord / singing before the Lord.

### **Psalms 100:1-2 (NLT)**

- iii. Dancing before the Lord.
3. Mary's actions of worship.

### **C. Jesus responds to our acts of thankfulness. He who has been forgiven much**

1. Her sins were forgiven.

### **Luke 7:47 (NLT)**

2. He who has been forgiven little loves little, but he who has been forgiven much, loves much .
3. **People** who recognize where they came from and what God has done in their life.. are extravagant in their worship.
4. And some people are offended...that level of a demonstration of gratefulness is just too much!

### **D. The fragrance of a thankful heart changes the atmosphere.**

1. A thankful heart will alter the atmosphere in this church as well.
2. God sets us free in the middle of worship.

Next Steps: Today:

1. I am committing my life to Jesus.
2. God is saying to me \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am asking God to teach me to be an extravagant worshipper.
4. I am asking God for the attitude of gratitude.