

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

We are entering the most joyous time of the year, starting with Thanksgiving, and going through Christmas!

I want to encourage you to slow down your life and make room for Jesus, family and friends!

This is a magical time of the year. What's interesting is that most people you meet are joyful and generous! Even some people who are usually mean-spirited are transformed for 5-6 weeks.

What would it look like to move from just a day or a season of thanksgiving to a life characterized by thanksgiving?

I am convinced that if we could develop an **ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE in our lives, it would have a radical impact on us and those around us.**

I was reminded of the biblical story that reveals how rare and powerful gratitude can be found in Luke's gospel chapter 17:11-19

*As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹²As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" ¹⁶He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."
~ Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)*

Let me give you some application from this story in the form of a three-part sentence

- **WHEN GRACE FLOWS IN**

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ~ Ephesians 1:6-7

- **GRATITUDE FILLS UP**

- **THANKSGIVING FLOWS OUT**

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