

## No Name

### *Pt. 4 – The Grateful Leper*

Lk. 17:11 *...on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him - and he was a Samaritan.*

**Principle:** shared suffering stops prejudice.

*1 Thess. 5:18 In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

*Lk. 17:17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”*

#### **Grateful vs. Ungrateful:**

Ungrateful people see the bad in every good situation.

Grateful people see the good in every bad situation.

Ungrateful people complain about how bad they have it.

Grateful people realize how good they have it.

Ungrateful people think they deserve more than they get.

Grateful people realize they don’t deserve what they get.

Ungrateful people think they qualify for more because of their goodness.

Grateful people know everything they have is because of God’s goodness.

*Lk. 17:19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”*

*Lk. 6:35 “But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”*

#### **Lessons from the grateful leper:**

God is kind, even to the ungrateful.

God reserves His blessings for the grateful.

**Principle:** Gifts are attracted to gratitude.

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**The receiving progression:**

1. Blessing

2. Expectation

3. Entitlement

The more I think I am entitled to, the less I will be grateful for.

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**To live a grateful life:**

1. Express my thanks to God.

2. Express my thanks to others.

3. Examine my attitude.