

An Attitude of Gratitude

July 4th, 2021

Precepts

Opening Question(s)

God has done so much for us and gratitude is the best response. What are you thankful for right now?

LEVITICUS 13:45- 46(NLT)

45 Those who suffer from a serious skin disease must tear their clothing and leave their hair uncombed. They must cover their mouth and call out, “Unclean! Unclean!”

46 As long as the serious disease lasts, they will be ceremonially unclean. They must live in isolation in their place outside the camp.

LUKE 17:11- 13(NLT)

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria.

12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance,

13 crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

LUKE 17:14- 16(NLT)

14 He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!”

16 He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan

LUKE 17:17- 19(NLT)

17 Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?”

18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”

19 And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you the one leper who returned or one of the nine who did not?
2. Name some ways we are tempted to take God's blessings for granted.
3. What causes us to not be thankful?
4. What does it mean to be thankful?

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

We see daily how much easier it is to complain than give thanks. Busy schedules, aggravation, loneliness, anger, and stress all cause us to whine and complain instead of being grateful. The media stirs up an attitude of wanting more and being discontent. The negative attitudes are a result of ignoring God, and not acknowledging Him as the source of all our possessions and well-being.

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Read Psalm 100:4–5. Sometime this week make up a prayer, song, poem, praise dance, or something creative based on these verses and the lesson. Share it with a member of your family, friend, or co-worker and ask them to be an accountability person. When you start complaining, tell them to remind you of your creative piece and your desire to be more grateful.