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**Learning of Christ, Loving in Christ, Leaning on Christ, Living for Christ, Leading to Christ
Based on the Word of God**



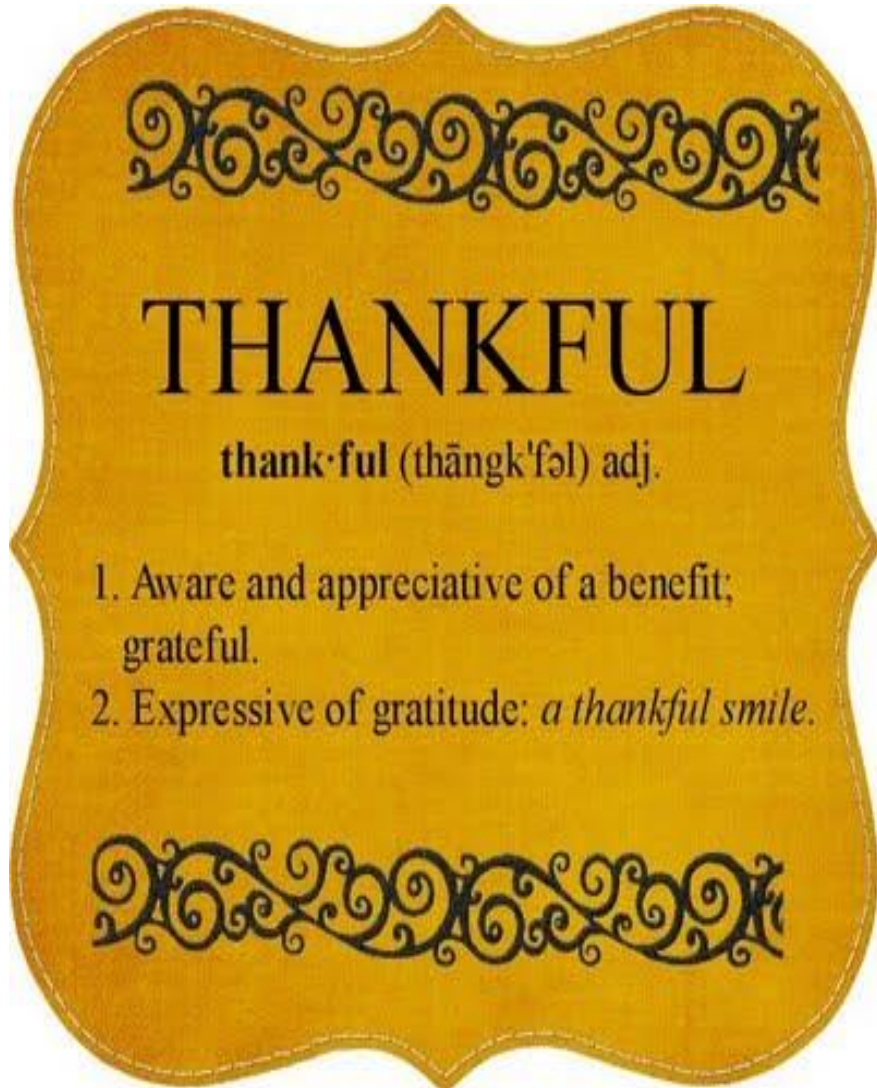
THE
MIRACLES
OF JESUS

A THANKFUL ATTITUDE



**The Healing of the Ten Lepers
Luke 17:11-19**

INTRODUCTION



- Thankfulness is a personal **consciousness** and **acknowledgment** of benefits that we have received from God, based on His grace, mercy, and love.
- Thankfulness is shown both personally and publicly.

What
ARE.....You
Thankful
for?

- For life
- For health
- For strength
- For abilities
- For material provisions
- For family and friends
- For job, business, or profession
- For safety and security
- For the ability to care for family
- For liberty
- For opportunities to enjoy a measure of happiness
- For salvation
- For the hope of heaven



- **Lesson:** THE LORD WANTS ALL OF US TO HAVE AN **ATTITUDE OF THANKFULNESS TO GOD.**
- The healing of the ten lepers in Luke 17:11-19 shows us three truths that **manifest** an attitude of thankfulness

THE CAUSE OF A THANKFUL ATTITUDE



- All ten lepers realized that they had a terrible need.
 - Leprosy was an infectious skin disease
 - Those with leprosy were considered unclean and unable to worship in the temple
 - Those with leprosy were considered more sinful than everyone else—putting them in an emotional state of depression and despair
 - Jews called leprosy “the finger of God” implying that one with leprosy was under punishment from God.

- All ten lepers cried out to Jesus for mercy—they knew that Jesus had the power to heal them.
- All ten lepers were cleansed by Jesus—Jesus told all ten to show themselves to the priests.
- **Problem:** Only one of the ten came back to give glory to God.



Why were the nine lepers not thankful?

- **Suggestion #1:** They were so taken up with the cure that they forgot to give thanks.
- **Suggestion #2:** They were afraid to give thanks—publicly thanking Jesus might get them into trouble with the religious leaders.
- **Suggestion #3:** They were ashamed to give thanks—publicly thanking Jesus would embarrass them in front of others
- **Suggestion #4:** They were too cautious to give thanks—publicly thanking Jesus might cause a “leper riot.”
- **Suggestion #5:** There were too proud to give thanks—publicly thanking Jesus might make them feel inferior.
- **Suggestion #6:** They did not believe that Jesus really healed them—it was luck or coincidence or the fact that they were not really sick.

- **Applicational Point:** Realizing that God meets our physical, material, emotional, and spiritual needs, based on His grace, mercy, and love (NOT based on our works, status, or assumption of worthiness) **naturally** leads us to an attitude of thankfulness.



THE CHARACTER OF A THANKFUL ATTITUDE



- All ten lepers owed thanks to the Lord
- Problem: Only one of the ten turned back to give thanks to the Lord
 - He prostrated himself before the Lord
 - He publically glorified God

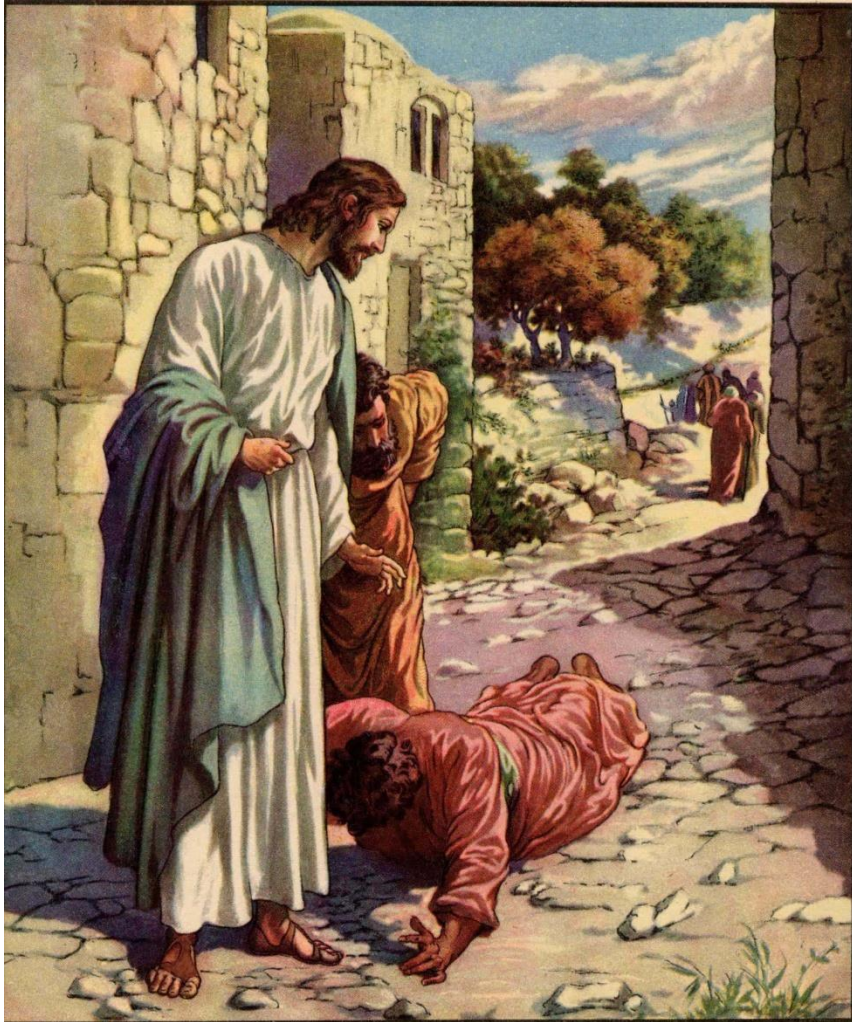


- True thanksgiving is a right **attitude**
 - It **realizes** what God has done—everybody has something to be thankful for.
 - It **wants** to be thankful, no matter what others might think or do.
- Can you think of something that God has done for you, that really made you happy?

- True thanksgiving is a right **action**.
 - While it is right to be grateful for things, true thanksgiving looks beyond the blessing to the One whose grace made all things possible.
 - Gratitude is directed toward the Person, it is NOT focused on the blessing (e.g., you are going to get more blessings)
 - Christ, not the blessing, is what is important. True thanksgiving draws attention to Christ, both in private and in public.

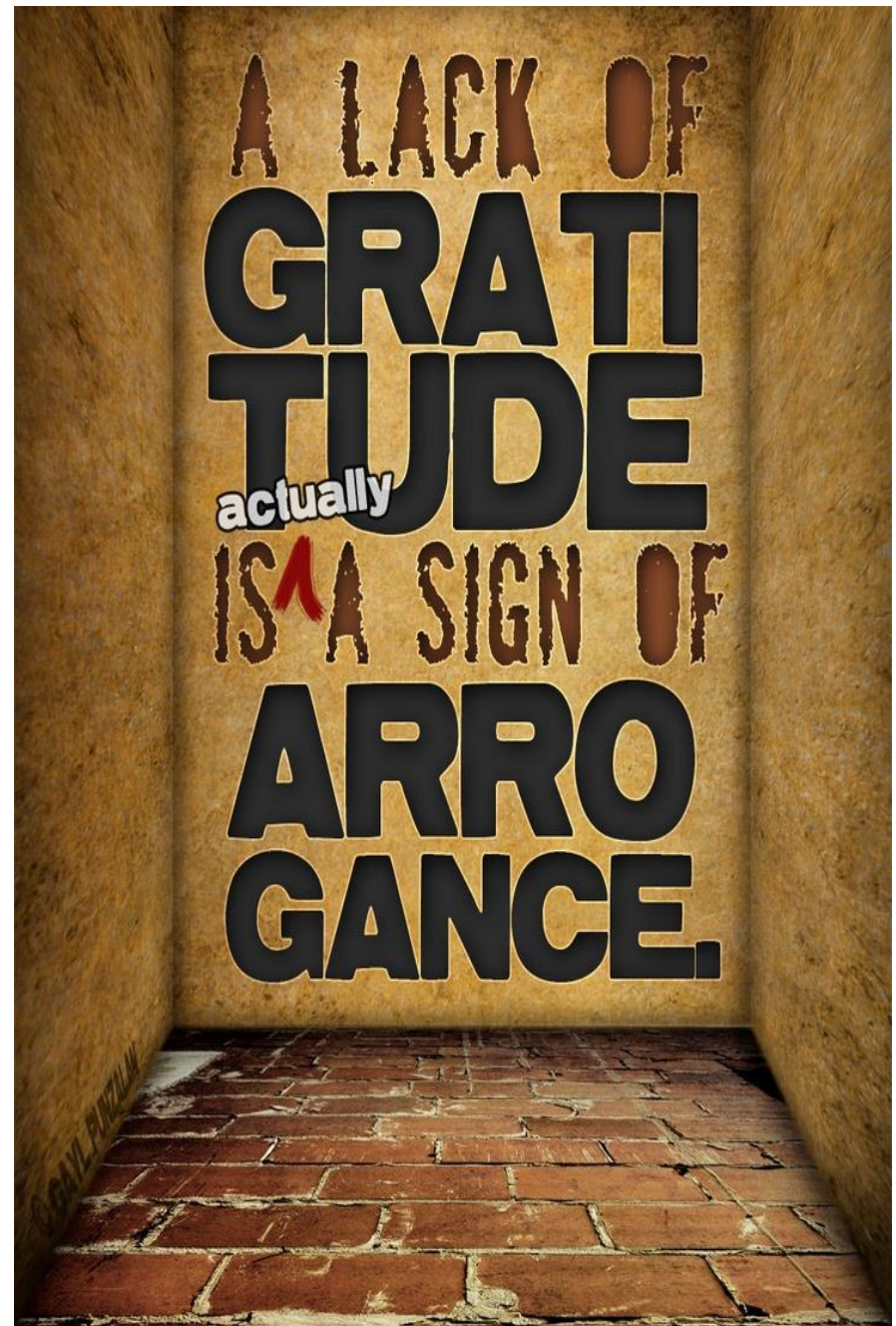


THE CONSEQUENCES OF A THANKFUL ATTITUDE



- The Lord asked the thankful leper, who happened to be a Samaritan, “were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”
- Note carefully: The Lord did not take back the healing of the other nine, but He did honor the one who gave thanks.

- The Lord **wants** to be thanked!!
 - This is NOT because the Lord wants His ego stroked.
 - This is because He wants us to realize His grace, mercy, compassion, and love in our lives.
 - **Note:** Even we appreciate being thanked for anything we do for others. We are grieved by unthankfulness.
- True thanksgiving **pleases** the Lord (e.g., we recognize who He is and what He has done for us).
- The Lord **honors** those who thankful to Him.



A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

- DOES YOUR LIFE SHOW A THANKFUL ATTITUDE??

3 WAYS TO FAIL at everything in life:

1. Complain about everything
2. Blame others for your problems
3. Never be grateful

THANKFUL

RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, **died** on the cross for your sin, and that He **arose** again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.