

# The Joy of Gratitude

Thanksgiving 2022

**Luke 17:11s-19**

*Since we have a Kingdom nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving him with thankful hearts and with holy fear and awe. Hebrews 12:28*

*if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

**Gratitude is the key to personal \_\_\_\_\_ more than anything else.**

*Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

**Luke 17:11-13**

*When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. Luke 17:14*

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Luke 17:15*

*Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:18-19*

## Why are we not more grateful people?

- We have had a privileged upbringing—unrealistic expectations about life
- A \_\_\_\_\_

*give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Proverbs 30:8-9*

- Negative \_\_\_\_\_

*He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*  
**Proverbs 13:20**

*Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”* **1 Corinthians 15:33**

- Frequent, unfair \_\_\_\_\_

*We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.* **2 Corinthians 10:12**

## **Spiritual exercises enabling Christ to transform us to be more grateful.**

### **1. Acknowledge that everything we have \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

*The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;* **Psalms 24:1**

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.* **1 Timothy 6:6-8**

### **2. Visit with and Minister to those who have \_\_\_\_\_.**

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### **3. Avoid grumbling and \_\_\_\_\_ like the plague.**

## **Indictments against the Nation of Israel in the Wilderness**

1. Idolatry in the wilderness
2. Sexuality immorality
3. The Sin of ingratitude

*We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.* **1 Corinthians 10:9-11**

*Do everything without complaining or arguing,* **Philippians 2:14**

*Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life* **Philippians 2:14-16a**

**4. Express your thanks frequently to God for His \_\_\_\_\_.**  
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*give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

***Praise God for His goodness, by the way you worship, by your obedience,  
and through your generosity.***

**5. Live a \_\_\_\_\_ life.**  
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*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.* **1 Timothy 6:17**

*You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.* **Psalms 30:11-12**

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