



Gratitude

Luke 17: 11-19
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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. (Psalm 30:11-12)

WHY IS GRATITUDE SO IMPORTANT?

1. Gratitude _____ God.

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. (Hebrews 12:28)

2. Gratitude is the key to _____.

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!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. (Luke 17:11-14)

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 17:15-16)

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 17:17-19)

WHY ARE MOST OF US NOT VERY GRATEFUL PEOPLE IN THIS ERA OF ABUNDANCE?

1. A _____ upbringing.

2. _____

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)

3. _____ companions.

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

4. _____ comparisons

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)

HOW TO BECOME A MORE GRATEFUL PERSON

1. Acknowledge that _____ I have is God's, not mine

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it... (Psalm 24:1)

2. Visit with and minister to those who _____

3. Avoid _____ and _____

Do everything without complaining or arguing. (Philippians 2:14)

4. Express thanks _____ to God for his generosity.

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

5. Live a _____ life

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)

"Don't worry about anything. But pray about everything with thanksgiving in your hearts. Then, the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)