

Stepping Into...

“Thankfulness”

Luke 17:11-19 NLT

¹¹As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹²As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, ¹³crying out, "Jesus, Master, **have mercy** on us!" ¹⁴He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, **came back** to Jesus, shouting, "**Praise God!**" ¹⁶He **fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done**. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, "**Didn't I** heal ten men? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to **give glory to God** except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you. "

Thankfulness - No time prescription!

1Thess 5:18 NLT “Be thankful **in** all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

Phil 4:6 NKJV “Be anxious for nothing; but **in** everything by prayer and supplication, **with** thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God;”

Compare:

Phil 4:6 NLT “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him **for** all he has done.”

What are We Thankful FOR?

Psalms 107:1-2 NKJV “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy“ (Mercy and Redemption)

1John 2:12 NLT “I am writing to you who are God’s children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.”
(Forgiveness)

1Cor 1:4 BSB “...because of the grace of God given you in Christ Jesus” (GRACE! What we are enjoying now)

Paul was Thanking God...

Rom. 7:21,24-25 NLT ²¹ I have discovered this principle of life-that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong...

²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.”(Free from the power of sin and death)

Rom.1:8 NLT “...for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world” (faith relationship with Christ)

Col.1:4 NLT “...For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people” (an outward expression of Christ)

What Makes our Thanks Worthy unto God?

1. **Deep Reflection.** Ps 8:3-4 NLT ³ When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers- the moon and the stars you set in place- ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?
2. **Humility.** Rom 1:21 NLT “Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.”

3. God-Centred. Psalm 118:1 NLT “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.”

Psalm 107:8 NKJV “Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

His Character, Ways and Acts!

4. Intentional. Leviticus 22:29 NKJV “And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will.”

5. “Vocal” for the benefits of men. God hears the muttered, silent, and loud Praise!

“Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights..”

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NLT)

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The Impact of Thankfulness

1. Memory

Ps. 103:2 NLT “Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.”

2. Proximity

3. Worship

4. Awe/Wonder renewed

5. Trust → Joy → Peace & Strength

6. Humility (the humble will be thankful <-> the thankful will remain humble)

“Thou that hast given so much to me give me one thing more, a grateful heart: not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if Thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.”

George Herbert

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