An ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE

Luke 17:11-19

11-23-2025

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   ("When he saw")

2. **Gratitude <u>remembers</u> what life was like before God's blessing.**
   ("he was healed" (v.15) [cp.12-13])

3. **Gratitude <u>gives credit</u> where credit is due.**
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Background:

Leprosy – A contagious loathsome skin disease resulting in the disfiguring and dismemberment of a person. Ceremonially "unclean" (Lev. 13:45); had to be quarantined outside of society; determined by priest of Israel, who functioned in part as apublic health official.

Leviticus 14 – When aleper was cured, he had to appear before the priest (who would examine him). If no raw flesh, he would pronounce him "clean" and a two-part ceremony would take place: two clean birds; after 7 days, shave, wash clothes, reappear to the priest with two male lambs. Blood placed on right ear, thumb, toe (oil).

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Gratitude is not blind to blessings.

"I was this way, now I am this way." Look at all you have.

2. Gratitude remembers what life was like before God's blessing.
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Psalm 40:2 – "He brought me up"

Isaiah 51:1 – "Look to the rock from wh ich ye are hewn and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged."

We tend to forget the ugly past and the pit God pulled us out of.

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Ultimately, all blessings come from above.

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Moving forward is good, but before you do, pause to acknowledge the Fount of every blessing.

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The world is not ashamed of their vile message. We should not be ashamed of the good news.

EX: Paul – Acts 27:35

6. Gratitude <u>glorifies</u> God.
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Psalm 50:23 – "whoso offereth praise. . ."

The spotlight is aimed at God.

7. Gratitude <u>humbly worships</u> God.
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Thankfulness and humility go hand in hand; pride and unthankfulness are also related.

Rev. 5:9-14; 2 Sam. 6:14-16 – David's unashamed praise.

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The despised "dogs." Those who are looked down upon.

"Out of the mouth of babes. . ."

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In a fallen world, the thankful are the <u>few</u>.

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("Thy faith hath made thee whole" (v.19)) – "made thee whole" llit. "saved you" ( )

It's a fruit of faith.

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