

Attitude of Gratitude
Luke 17:11-16
(Luke 17:11-19, Mk 1:40-45)
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Thesis: I want to show the attitude of gratitude & true thankfulness.

- Intro:
1. When we approach thanksgiving day there are several things we always think about.
 - a. Family, Friends, time together, and of course the turkey.
 2. When we approach this day we have a lot to be thankful for, the Christian most of all.

I. The Situation

A. A look at Leprosy

1. Leprosy is an infectious disease that causes severe, disfiguring skin sores and nerve damage in the arms and legs.
2. Leprosy primarily affects the skin and the nerves outside the brain and spinal cord, called the peripheral nerves. It may also strike the eyes and the thin tissue lining the inside of the nose.

The main symptom of leprosy is disfiguring skin sores, lumps, or bumps that do not go away after several weeks or months. The skin sores are pale-colored.

Nerve damage can lead to:

Loss of feeling in the arms and legs

Muscle weakness

B. The overwhelming desire for healing (**Lk 17:11-13**)

1. Understandably these men desired to be freed from the painful prison where this disease had placed them.
2. All of them strongly desired to be healed, however, how many of them showed the correct attitude following their healing?
3. Do we see this same attitude today?

II. A Healing and one thankful soul.

A. Christ heals the agonizing men (**Lk 17:14**)

1. Christ required only that they obey His command in order to be healed.
2. They obeyed and were healed.
3. Is that the end of this account of miraculous healing?

B. One soul showed thankfulness (**Lk 17:15-16**)

1. When the man saw he was healed, he immediately thought to return to Christ.
2. His humble attitude brought him to his knees before Christ in thankfulness.
 - a. **Psalm 107:8**

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Were there not ten? (**Lk 17:17a**)

1. Were there ten who were healed? Ten men who should be thankful & grateful?
2. What does the Bible say about the unthankful? (**2 Tim 3:1-2**)

B. But where are the nine (**Lk 17:17b-18**)

1. This it? One man, this foreigner was the only one who gave Christ thanks.
2. No doubt he was grateful for his thankfulness but saddened by the unthankfulness of the other nine. Only 10% came back to give thanks, how said that not much has changed today.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Does the Christian have a reason, any reason, to thank God with the same enthusiasm as the Samaritan? (**Lk 17:15-16**)
2. **Lamentations 3:22-24**
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9