

**“A SPIRIT OF THANKFULNESS”**  
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<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

(Luke 17:11-19 NIV)

**1. OUR PRIDE PERCEIVES THANKFULNESS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR OUR SERVICE.**

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table?’ <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’” (Luke 17:7-10)

**A. AS CHRIST FOLLOWERS WE ARE COMMANDED TO SERVE.**

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.  
(Deuteronomy 11:13 NIV)

So then, my dear friends, stand firm and steady. Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord’s service is ever useless.  
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

**2. GOD SHOWS HIS POWER AND LOVE WHEN WE LAY ASIDE OUR PRIDE AND ASK FOR PITY.**  
(Luke 17:11-13 NIV)

<sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. (Luke 18:35-43)

<sup>12</sup>For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. <sup>13</sup>He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. <sup>14</sup>He will rescue them from oppression and violence. (Psalm 72:12-14a NIV)

**3. GOD, IN HIS GREAT MERCY, TRANSFORMS OUR CRIES FOR PITY TO CRIES OF PRAISE!**  
(Luke 17:14-16 NIV)  
(Luke 18:43)

rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:7)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

(Psalms 107:1)

**4. BECAUSE HE FULFILLED THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST; WE CAN CONSTANTLY PRAISE GOD!**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 NIV)



He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2 NIV)

And, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Hebrews 5:9 NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. (Philippians 4:4-5 NIV)

**MEMORY VERSE**

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)

**GOING DEEPER**

1. HOW COULD SERVING GOD WITHOUT NEEDING PRAISE MAKE SERVING MORE MEANINGFUL?
2. WHEN HAS YOUR PRIDE DISTRACTED YOU FROM BEING THANKFUL?
3. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO BE A BEGGAR FOR GOD'S GRACE?
4. HOW CAN YOU SHOW GOD MORE PRAISE FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE?
5. WHAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT ABOUT YOUR LIFE IF YOU HAD AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE?