

Be Thankful

The ten lepers

- Luke 17:12-19
- 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance
- 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
- 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.
- 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.
- 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan.
- 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"
- 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
- 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."
- (NIV)

Questions

- Which of the lepers did Jesus love most?
- Which of the lepers was most blessed?
- Why did Jesus bless the 1 more than the 9 ?

- Are you giving God the opportunity to bless you?
- Are you thankful?
- OR
- Do you go over and over worst case scenarios?
- Do you look at the world through gray coloured spectacles?

- God wants us to be like the 1 who said thank you.
- Saying thank you with a grateful heart creates a bond of relationship ?
- God wants us to have good relationships with others, and with him.

What does the Bible say about “thankfulness”

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

What is recorded in the Bible about Paul's attitude to "thankfulness"

- Rom 1:8
- First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world
- (NIV)

- 1 Cor 1:4
- I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.
- (NIV)

What does the Bible say about “thankfulness”

- Ps 50:23
- 23 He who sacrifices thank offerings honours me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."
- (NIV)

The fruit of thankfulness

- A closer relationship with those we thank and a motivation to bless others.
- Emotional and mental well being .
- A closer relationship with God as we become more and more aware of his goodness to us.
- A desire to please God listen to his voice and obey his promptings.