

Luke 17 11-19 New International Version

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[b] 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.

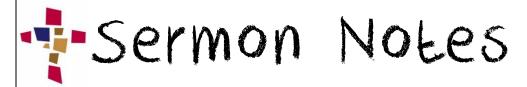
¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Belong as you change, change as you follow, follow till you're called.

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference."

- Thomas Merton



Develop Gratitude

"Gratitude is not just the greatest of all virtues, but the parent of all others." Cicero

Gratitude requires seeing the BENEFIT

I perceive and I value the Good in my life.

"Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things." <u>Psalm 103</u>

"For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, for love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends."-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Gratitude requires knowing a **BENEFACTOR**

You must believe not just that benefits come, but that they don't come randomly or by accident. They come from somebody for a **reason**.

The worst moment for an atheist is when he is truly thankful, and has nobody to thank.

Gratitude involves a BENEFICIARY

Who am I that thou are mindful of me?

Worship is born within a **GRATEFUL HEART**