

A GRATEFUL LIFE

Luke 17:11-17, John 3:16, Luke 19:10, James 1:17, Ecclesiastes 6:9, Psalm 63:4-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Philippians 4:4, Psalm 100

As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, He reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As He entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking Him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you." Luke 17:11-17 (NLT)

How to live "A Grateful Life"

1. I must always remember God <u>loves</u> me and is for <u>me</u>.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Jn. 3:16 (NIV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. Luke 19:10 (NLT)

2. I must remember every good thing comes from GOD.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17 (NIV)

3. I must never, never, never let what I <u>want</u> rob me of what I have.

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind. **Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NLT)**

Better what the eye sees than the roving of the appetite. **Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NIV)**

4. I must <u>practice</u> turning every blessing I have into <u>praise to</u> <u>God.</u>

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. **Psalm 63:4-5 (NIV)**

Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. **Psalm 103:1-2 (NLT)**

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay said "It's not happy people that are grateful, it's grateful people that are happy." Would you agree or disagree, and why? Do you have people in your life that seem to always be grateful? Who are they? When you see them coming what do you feel? When people see you coming how do you think they feel? Now write out the following three verses—Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, and Psalm 100. Place them where you will see them and read them each day.