

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

CULTIVATING THANKFULNESS

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*Thankfulness is* \_\_\_\_\_:

Always give thanks for everything to God the Father  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph 5:20)

You can \_\_\_\_\_ in God without \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Why don't the nine return?

- They were thankful, but \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ it. Eph 1:16
- Though healed, they became \_\_\_\_\_. Gen 50:20; Phil 4:8
- They felt \_\_\_\_\_ to healing. Deut 8:17-18

*Everything we hold dear is* \_\_\_\_\_  
Heb 12:28; James 1:17

**The thankful receive** \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 17:19; 2Cor 9:15

## TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What traditions does your family have at Thanksgiving?

Would you describe yourself as a thankful person? Why?

Do you think being thankful is the result of having an easy life or something more?

How can you make thankfulness a choice?

Why do you think the nine failed to return in gratitude to Jesus? How can you relate to those reasons in your life?

What do you make of the fact that Luke notes that the one leper who returned was a Samaritan?

What is God teaching you about thankfulness?

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### *Thankfulness is A CHOICE:*

Always give thanks for everything to God the Father  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph 5:20)

You can BELIEVE in God without BEING THANKFUL to God.

#### Why don't the nine return?

- They were thankful, but POOR at EXPRESSING it. Eph 1:16
- Though healed, they became RESENTFUL. Gen 50:20; Phil 4:8
- They felt ENTITLED to healing. Deut 8:17-18

*Everything we hold dear is FROM GOD.*  
Heb 12:28; James 1:17

**The thankful receive SOMETHING EXTRA.**  
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