

A Thanksgiving Challenge

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Text:

Luke 17:1-19

Thesis:

True Thankfulness enters into every aspect of our lives.

Discussion:

I) Each of us need to be examples that build up

- a) Luke 17:1-4
- b) How do Our Examples connect with Thanksgiving?
 - 1) Thankful we have others with whom to mis-communicate
 - 2) Thankful we have choice to direct our steps and can choose to take the high road.
 - 3) Thankful when we hurt because we have love for others.
 - 4) Thankful for the choice of forgiveness and the strength to exercise it.
- c) Self-Less Examples demonstrate Thankfulness and Honor for others.
 - 1) Self-Less-ness means to humble ourselves before others (Proverbs 22:4).
 - 2) Ephesians 6:2-3
 - 3) Observe the self-less example of God (John 3:16).

II) Each of us need to have the same request as the Apostles

- a) Luke 17:5-10
- b) How does Faith connect with Thanksgiving?
 - 1) Little Faith can do Big Things.
 - 2) We have faith that those with responsibilities around us will follow through.
 - 3) Do we thank those who fulfill their responsibilities.
 - 4) Serving others with an attitude of thankfulness for the ability to serve brings peace.
- c) Faith is belief in action, Thanksgiving is appreciation in action.
 - 1) Work is a verb of action (John 6:29).
 - 2) James 2:19

III) The Ten Lepers, Where are the nine?

- a) Luke 17:11-19
- b) Nine Reasons for Not Thanking
 - 1) No Manners or Respect
 - 2) Simply forgot
 - 3) Selfishness
 - 4) Afraid to lose the blessing
 - 5) Show off the blessing to others
 - 6) Believe that dues in suffering were paid
 - 7) Calloused and Does Not Care
 - 8) Thought they could have done it themselves with the "secret"
 - 9) Did they thank the Priests? Or consider the healing credit belonged to the Priests?
- c) Three Reasons for One to Give Thanks
 - 1) Realization of another giving honor to us.
 - 2) Realization of a Gift
 - (i) Romans 6:23
 - (ii) 2 Corinthians 9:15

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- 3) Realization the One from Whom the Gift came
 - (i) Colossians 1:12
 - (ii) Hebrews 13:15

Conclusion

1. 3 ways to show thanks
 - 1) Fill out the Thanksgiving form
 - 2) Thank God for being patient and repent asking Him to forgive.
 - 3) Thank God for Salvation and obey him.

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November 29, 2009

From: _____

To: _____

I just wanted to say thank you for all you have done to enrich my life by:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

We often forget to tell our special friends and family how much we care. I don't want you to go another day without knowing how I feel.

Thank you so much and I hope God blesses you beyond measure because you have been a great blessing to me.