

“And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem,
that he passed through the midst of Samaria and
Galilee.” Lk. 17:11



12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. Lk. 17:12-13



And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priest. And it came to pass, that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. Lk. 17:14-16



And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?



What
Was The Problem With The Nine

Ingratitude



Kindly feeling because of a favor received; appreciative of benefits received; acknowledgment of divine favor.

(Webster)

Why Should The Nine Have Been Thankful



The Disease Was Leprosy

Lev 13:45-46

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

It Was A Crippling, Isolating and Deadly Disease

Num 12:10, 12

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.



These Ten Lepers
“stood afar off”
and
Cried For Mercy

Christ Told Them To

“Go shew yourselves unto the priests”

Matt 18:29-40

2 And Jesus said unto them, Whosoever will be first among you, let him be last of all, and servant of all. For who will be great among you, that will not be servant of all? For the Son of Man will be like unto the Son of Man, who will give his life a ransom for many.

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They Were All Healed
but
Only One Came Back
To Thank Jesus

But Where Were The Nine

All

- Had the same disease
- Were in the same condition
 - Isolated
 - Afar off
 - Unclean
- Came to the same person with the truth that He could heal them
- Were told the same thing
 - Go to the priest
- Received the same blessing
 - They were healed

But Only One Returned A Samaritan



What Was Their Excuse

- Maybe in the excitement of being healed they forgot
- Maybe they were thinking of going home again and didn't take time to go back
- Maybe they meant to do it later

The Truth
They Were Ungrateful

**In Our Society
1 out of 10
Are Grateful**

What Lesson
Can We Learn From This

**What Are Some Things
For Which We Should Be Grateful**

Things For Which We Should Be Grateful

1 Thess 5:18

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

That Our Names Be Written In Heaven

~~Luke 20:12,15~~
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20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are
subject unto you: but rather rejoice, because your names
are written in heaven.
19 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;
and the books were opened: and another book was opened,
which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of
those things which were written in the books, according to
their works.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life
was cast into the lake of fire.

For Salvation

Rom 6:17-18

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

For Peace

1 Tim 2:1-3

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

For The Church

Col 3:15

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

For Our Families

Eph 5:23-35

43 ~~As the church loves and sanctifies herself, so the husband loves his wife as his own body, to cleanse her that she may be without stain, as the church is cleansed by the word of water with the word.~~
5 ~~To be as the church, which is holy, without stain, kept and preserved in the word of God, that she may present herself to God as a pure virgin, without spot or wrinkle, or anything of the kind.~~
obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

For All Things

Eph 5:20

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Are We
Among The Nine
Or
The One Leper

A Failure To Grow Shows Ingratitude

2 Peter 1:9

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

If We Are Grateful We Will Not Complain

Phil 2:14

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Obedience Shows Gratitude

Acts 2:41

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.