

Having a Grateful Heart

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 17:11.

B. Most of us need to hear about how to have a grateful heart.

II. The response of the healed leper.

A. He praised God in a loud voice. When God is working, one's posture should be affected.

B. He thanked God.

III. The response of the remainder. (John 2:25)

A. Jesus was caught off guard that the others did not give Him thanks.

B. It is difficult to be grateful because we do not slow down to acknowledge what God and others have done for us. One way to enter into the presence of God is by thanks. (Psalm 100:4)

C. We fail to miss that the things given to us are gifts. One way to give thanks is to reflect on those who have loved, encouraged, included, prayed for, challenged, or rebuked us. (I Thessalonians 5:18)

Application questions:

1. Why should we give God thanks frequently and genuinely?

2. Why do we struggle to give thanks so often? Can you think of other reasons the speaker has not mentioned?

3. Who are some people that have encouraged, loved or challenged you? Spend some time praising God for these.
