

“Thank you!”
Luke 17:11-19
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I. Some men were plagued with the same problem in their life.

A. They were challenged with a physical condition.

Luke 17:11 *“Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.”*

Luke 17:12 *“As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance.”*

B. They were challenged with social isolation.

Luke 17:12b *“... They stood at a distance.”*

II. These men presented their problem to Jesus.

A. They asked Jesus for help.

Luke 17:13a *“And called out in a loud voice Jesus, Master, Have pity on us!”*

Luke 5:5 *“Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so I will let down my nets.”*

Luke 8:24 *“The disciples went and woke Him saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”*

B. They accepted help given by Jesus.

Luke 17:14 *“When he saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.”*

2 Corinthians 12:8 *“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ^[9] But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*

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III. These men provided different responses to Jesus.

A. One man returned and gave thanks.

Luke 17:15 “One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.”

Luke 17:16 “He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.”

B. Nine men never responded with thanks.

Luke 17:17 “Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

2 Timothy 3:2 “People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy.
[3] Without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God ---

C. One man received spiritual healing.

Luke 17:18 “Was no one found to return to give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Luke 17:19 “Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Luke 7:50 “Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

How can we handle attitudes that kill gratitude?

A. Avoid attitudes that stifle gratitude.

1. Complaining hinders an attitude of gratitude.

Philippians 2:14 “Do everything without complaining or arguing.”

Psalms 139:4 “Even before I speak a word, O Lord, You know it all.”

2. Discontentment harms an attitude of gratitude.

Philippians 4:12 “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.”

B. Ask the Lord’s forgiveness!

Exodus 16:2 “In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.”

How can we be thankful?

A. Rely on God’s strength to be thankful.

Philippians 4:13 “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”

B. Refocus on the Lord.

Psalms 100:3 “Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.”

Psalms 100:4 “Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him; and praise His name! [5] For the LORD is good; His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

C. Remember the importance of continual gratitude.

Ephesians 5:20 “Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

D. Return to the Lord with a grateful heart!

Exodus 16:2 “In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”