

Message from God’s Life-Giving Word

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Holding onto Hope - Thankful

The epidemic on negativity

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, *continue to live your lives in Him*, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and *overflowing with thankfulness*. Colossians 2:6-7

Gratefulness

The Ten Lepers – Luke 17:11-19

1. Every _____ thing I have comes from _____

Every good and perfect *gift* comes from above. James 1:17

2. I will not let what I _____ rob me of what I _____

Better what the eye sees than the *roving* of the appetite. Ecclesiastes 6:9

3. I will turn every _____ I have into _____

I will *praise you* as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be *fully satisfied* as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. Psalm 63:4-5

A Focus of Thankfulness

Next Steps

- 1. Journal the following: What are the silliest things you complain about; Slow "high-speed" Internet, broken A/C in your second car, etc. Now describe someone you know who bursts with gratitude and write how they might respond to those things. How could you emulate them?
 - 2. Read Luke 17:11-18. How are you living like the grateful leper? How are you living like the other nine? What do you think greater thankfulness and gratitude would unlock in your life?
 - 3. Consider some thing or a person you are grateful for. What is the story of how it/they came into your life? Do you see God in it? What are some blessings you received but did not realize or failed to praise God for and see His hand in? Thank Him now through prayer.
- REMEMBER: Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It’s also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*