

"Where Are The Nine?"
(Luke 17:11-19)

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT
THANKFULNESS

The Sin of Unthankfulness!

Why Are Most Unthankful?

What Should We Be Thankful For?

How Do We Show Thankfulness?

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Many Are Ungrateful?



Luke 17:11-19 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

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Luke 17:11-19 (NKJV)

¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

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Luke 17:11-19 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

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Luke 17:11-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

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- Leprosy – an incurable disease – Terminal illness
- Only God's power could save them & did when they obeyed Jesus –
- However 9 did not thank Jesus
- Today: Sin is a terminal condition (Rom 6:23)
- But do we show our gratitude?

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Our culture encourages us to be discontent with who we are & what we have –

Instead of appreciating the gifts, blessings and talents that we do have, much of our modern culture tries to get us to compare what we have with what others have.

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The Sinfulness of Ungratefulness



Romans 1:21 (NKJV)

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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2 Timothy 3:2-4 (NKJV)

² For men will be lovers of themselves,
lovers of money, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving,
slanderers, without self-control, brutal,
despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong,
haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than
lovers of God,

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The Sinfulness of Ungratefulness



- Caused by pride -
- Caused by a selfish, entitlement perspective
- Caused by a lack of respect for God -
- Caused by a lack of faith & hope -
- Caused by neglect & thoughtlessness -

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Ps 100:4 – Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Ps 107:22 – Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Ps 116:17 – I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

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Ephesians 5:20
(NKJV)

giving thanks always
for all things to God
the Father in the
name of our Lord
Jesus Christ,

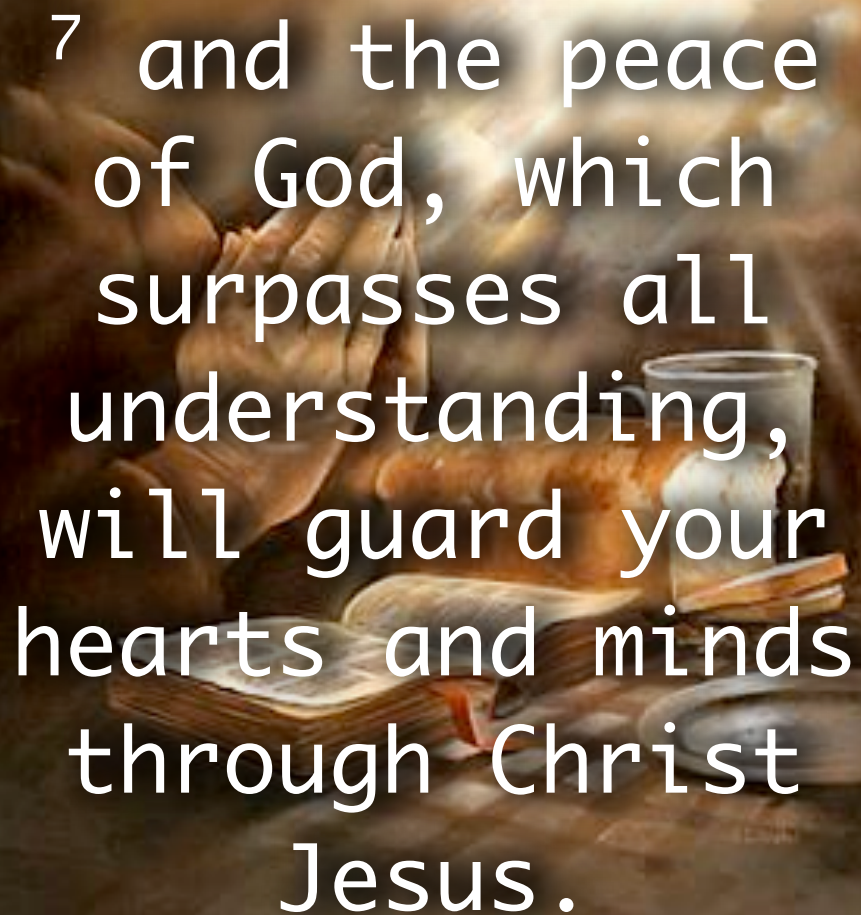


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Philippians 4:4-7 (NKJV)



⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

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Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.



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Colossians 3:15-17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. . . . ¹⁷

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



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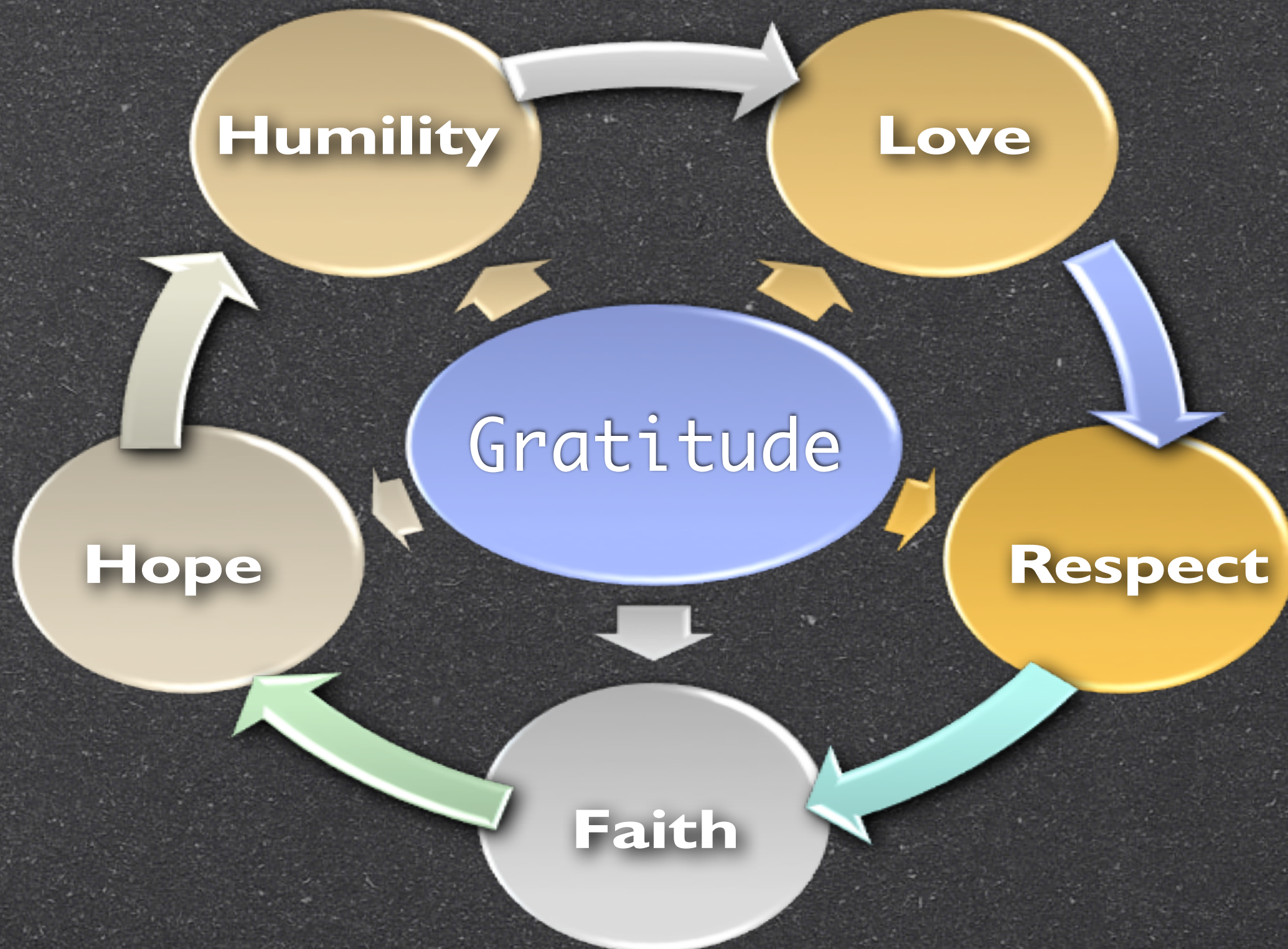
Hebrews 13:13-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.



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We Should Be Thankful For:



- Every spiritual blessing in Christ – Eph 1:2-14
- Our family & friends
- Faithful brethren – Col 1:3
- Every material blessing – our country & daily provisions
- Our struggles & difficulties in life – James 1:2-6
- EVERYTHING from God! – James 1:17

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Do We Demonstrate Gratitude?




- 📌 By our words – Phil 4:6
 - 🌻 Giving thanks – Phil 1:3-4
 - 🌻 Singing – Eph 5:19,20
 - 🌻 Always – 1 Thes 5:16-18
- 📌 By the life we live – Rom 12:1-2
- 📌 By our humble obedience to Christ – 1 Jn 5:3
- 📌 By teaching others – Acts 8:4

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Are You Thankful?



*There is always, always, always
something to be thankful for*

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Are You Thankful?

Being thankful IS NOT
dependent on how much
stuff we have – or our
state in life – but our
attitude towards God,
His provisions &
promises.



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Are You Thankful?



- Acknowledge Ingratitude As A Sin
- Do Not Major In Your Troubles
- Learn To Be Content With What You have
- Express Your Gratitude In Word & Deed

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Are You Thankful?



- Consider what God has done for you!
- Obey the gospel, (believe, repent, confess, be baptized)
- Live for Jesus who died for you!

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