

“Don’t Forget to Remember”

Luke 17: 11-19

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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Introduction: One-way people can be divided into two classes is those who take things for granted are one class and those who show gratitude is another class. In our text today, we see both.

Text: Luke 17:11-19 (Leviticus 13:45,46; Numbers 5:2).

- The story of the ten lepers is one of the most intriguing stories from the life and ministry of Jesus in the Bible.
- It only occurs in the gospel of Luke.
- Jesus was on the border between Galilee and Samaria.
- As He entered a village where He met a group of ten men who were lepers.
- Leprosy is rare today in our country, but common in biblical times.
- Lepers were isolated from all social contacts.
- They were forbidden to come within 6 feet of a well person; and, if the wind was blowing from their direction, they were to stay 50 yards away.
- If someone unknowingly came too near a person with leprosy, they were to shout, “Unclean! Unclean!”
- The Scripture tells us that all ten men went as Jesus told them and as they went, they were cleansed.

- They were healed as they acted in obedience to Jesus' command
- Evidently 9 were Jews because Jesus told them to show themselves to the priest.
- The Scripture tells us that one was a Samaritan (11:16).
- The priest had no healing powers. The priest would pronounce them clean when they were healed so they could return to normal life.

Jesus asked, "But where are the nine" (17:17).

Lesson: To be thankful means that we understand and believe that we have more than we deserve. I think this is the reason so many people are not thankful. Many people think they deserve what they have.

I want to use the acrostic, T-H-A-N-K-S as a guide to help us be more thankful. An acrostic is simply a word in which each letter represents another word.

T-Things

- We should be thankful for things.
- All of us have a lot of things.

Application: Do you own what you own or does what you own, own you?

H-Helpers

- All of us have had people help us.
- People have encouraged us, prayed for us, given us gifts, notes to us, emails, text, etc.

A-Adversity

- Somebody said, “Travel broadens you and trouble deepens you.
- Given my choice, I will take travel.
- Like Job, we don’t understand all of life’s adversity. But we grow from our adversities.

N-Now

- We should be thankful for now.
- Enjoy each day

K-Kindness

- People have been kind to me in life.
- There have been some ugly people, but most people have been very kind to me.
- When people go through hard things and hard times, we should be kind to them.

Illustration: I had a seminary professor who used to say, “Young men, be kind to everybody because everybody is having a hard time.”

S-Salvation

- God has provided us what we all not need most in life—a Savior.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Conclusion: God has been good to us. This Thanksgiving don't forget to remember.

As the psalmist said, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 92:1).