

LUKE 17:11-19(NLTSE) “ As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, He reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As He entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, 13 crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

14 He looked at them and said, “ Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “ Praise God!” 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus ’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, “Didn’ t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 And Jesus said to the man, “ Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

- It’s amazing to note that only one of the ten healed, made the time to thank Jesus for being healed. That’s only 10%
- I wonder what percentage of us are living lives of gratitude to the Lord?
- This percentage is possible and probable of those that give financially to their church and those who work by volunteering their time in ministry
- Nothing is ever so good that there is no room for improvement. However living with contentment, while pursuing goals is a challenging balance to attain, but it can be done.

1 TIMOTHY 6:6(NLTSE) Yet true godliness with **contentment** is itself great wealth.

- **Contentment**, may be described as not believing that your happiness can only come from the next best thing.

ECCLESIASTES 6:9(NLTSE) Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don’ t have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless, like chasing the wind.

PHILIPPIANS 2:14(NLTSE) Do everything without complaining and arguing

- The best way we can show our gratitude is by living a life of faith

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7(NLTSE) For we live by believing and not by seeing



Faith can be expressed through our praises

- Our praises usher in the power of God's presence:

PSALM 22:3(NLTSE) Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

- Praising God gives Him thanks for things we may have not yet received

- Some things we can be grateful for are:

Our health

Our family and friends

Employment

A place to worship

Grace and second chances

The word of God so freely available

Opportunities to fellowship

Opportunities to serve and make positive contributions to our communities

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is it important to be grateful?
2. What are some of the negative effects of complaining continuously?
3. What does it mean to live by faith and not by sight?
4. What areas in your life, can you express more gratitude?