



GIVE  
THANKS

- **Thankful** - an inward feeling of appreciation and gratitude
- **Thanksgiving** - an outward expression of appreciation and gratitude
  - Thanksgiving is an expression of worship and celebration.

LUKE  
17:11-19

**Leprosy:** Serious skin diseases.

- The Jewish law said that *lepers* had to stay away from people who did not have the disease. *Lepers* lived outside their cities and towns, either by themselves or with other *lepers*, until the disease showed signs of healing.
- **Show yourselves to the priest:** the priests supervise the observance of the purification laws (Leviticus 13)
- **Praising God and thanking Jesus:** contrasted against Acts 14
- **Samaritan:** Luke's gospel emphasizes Christ's ministry to the outsider.
- **Faith has made you well:** also translated your faith has saved you. The leper was not only healed in body, but healed in his relationship with God.

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- **What is keeping us from being thankful?**
  - **Privilege**
    - Familiarity
    - Good things are expected and not celebrated
  - **Pain**
    - Fog
    - Good things can't be seen through the suffering



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### **James 1:17**

- Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

### **Romans 1:20-21, 25**

- **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
- **21** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- **25** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.



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**Practice:** Let thankfulness lead to thanksgiving

### **Philippians 4:8-9**

- *friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.*



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## Practice

- Let thanksgiving lead to thankfulness-
  - give thanks for that which you do not see.

*"Worship is not a matter of feeling, but of obedience. The act of lifting hands, standing, kneeling, or singing in worship might not feel emotionally engaging at first, but through those bodily actions, the heart often follows."*

**Eugene H. Peterson**