

# Gratitude is “the Mother of all Virtues”

**Luke 17:11-19**

Thanksgiving

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

**Psalms 30:11-12**

**Two reasons Gratitude is one of the most important \_\_\_\_\_ traits for the Believer**

1. Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ God

*Since we have a Kingdom nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving him with thankful hearts and with holy fear and awe. Hebrews 12:28*

2. Gratitude is the Key to Personal \_\_\_\_\_

***Happiness is more determined by mindset and attitude than it is by circumstances.***

*Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Luke 17:11-13*

*When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. Luke 17:14*

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Luke 17:15-16*

*Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:17-19*

**Why are most of us not very grateful people in this era of abundance?**

1. We have had a \_\_\_\_\_ Upbringing

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* **John 16:33**

## **2. Ingratitude can come from Our \_\_\_\_\_**

*give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.* **Proverbs 30:8b-9**

## **3. Ingratitude can come from Negative \_\_\_\_\_**

*He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.* **Proverbs 13:20**

## **4. Complaining is \_\_\_\_\_**

*Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."* **1 Corinthians 15:33**

## **5. Frequent \_\_\_\_\_ Create an Ungrateful Spirit**

*We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.* **2 Corinthians 10:12**

## **How can we become more grateful and please God and appreciate our lives as they really are?**

### **1. Acknowledge that everything you have is \_\_\_\_\_ not yours**

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it* **Psalms 24:1**

*For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.* **1 Timothy 6:7**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.* **James 1:17**

### **2. We can visit with and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who have less**

### **3. We can increase gratitude by avoiding grumbling and complaining**

**like the \_\_\_\_\_**

*Do not be idolaters, as some of them were... we should not commit sexual immorality as some of them did" And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.*  
**1 Corinthians 10:7, 8, 10**

*Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life* **Philippians 2:14-16**

***Constant griping is an offense to God's goodness,  
it is a poor testimony to the lost,  
and it is a detriment to your personality.***

#### **4. Express thanks frequently to God for His \_\_\_\_\_**

*give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*  
**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*  
**1 Timothy 6:6-8**

#### **5. Express and increase thanks by simply living a \_\_\_\_\_ life**

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.* **1 Timothy 6:17**

"This year we ought to be especially thankful for our ancestors, the Pilgrims, on their four hundredth anniversary. Their faith, their bravery, their wisdom places them in the American pantheon. Alongside the Patriots of 1776, the Pilgrims of 1620 deserve the honor of American founders." — Senator Tom Cotton, Arkansas

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4:6-7**

*Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*  
[Literally] *"Rise and go. Your faith has saved you."*  
**Luke 17:19**

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