Lessons From a Grateful Leper

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. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Luke 17:11-19, NKJV

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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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.

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."

I. The Desperate Ten

They recognized their need.

Luke 17:11, NKJV

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Luke 17:12, NKJV

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

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- · They recognized Jesus' authority.

Luke 17:13, NKJV

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- They recognized Jesus' authority.
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Luke 17:14, NKJV

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Jesus asks them to act on His word before it became a reality.

- They recognized their need.
- They recognized Jesus' authority.
- They responded with obedience.
- Nine of them missed out on all that Jesus had for them.

Gratitude is the path to the presence and power of God in our lives.

Psalm 100:4, NKJV

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

II. The Grateful One

Luke 17:15-16, NKJV

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His Gratitude Was A Response.

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What has God done in my life that I take for granted?

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- His Gratitude Was Immediate.

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- His Gratitude Was A Response.
- · His Gratitude Was Immediate.
- His Gratitude Turned Into Worship.

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What gets the bigger megaphone in my life? My problems or my praises?

III. The Merciful Master

Luke 17:17, NKJV

So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?

Luke 17:18, NKJV

Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

Luke 17:19, NKJV

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke 19:10, NKJV

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."