



A Grateful Life

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THE SELFISHNESS OF JUDAS



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**14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas
Iscaiot—went to the chief priests 15 and asked, “What
are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?”
So they counted out for him **thirty pieces of silver**.
16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to
hand him over.**

Matthew 26:14-16

“I wanted — needed — to nudge him a little closer to perfect, to make him into a mate who might annoy me a little less, who wouldn’t keep me waiting at restaurants, a mate who would be easier to love... The central lesson I learned from exotic animal trainers is that I should reward behavior I like and ignore behavior I don’t. After all, you don’t get a sea lion to balance a ball on the end of its nose by nagging. The same goes for the American husband.”

“Love is the overwhelming concern for the well being of another person without any regard as to what you get in return”

Kenny Beckman

THE GRATEFULNESS OF THE WOMAN

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Mark 14:4-8

**11 For there will never cease to be poor in the land.
Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your
hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in
your land.'**

Deuteronomy 15:11

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5. She gave at the right time

THE TRANSFORMATION OF US



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**The remedy to selfishness and pride, is
gratefulness and worship**

Next Steps

- I want to begin an authentic relationship with Jesus today.
- I will practice gratitude this week by _____.
- I will ask God to show me the selfishness and pride in my own heart.
- I will pray for God to help me cultivate a heart of worship.