

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹While Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²As He entered one of the villages, He was met by ten lepers. They stood at a distance

¹³and raised their voices, shouting, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

¹⁴When Jesus saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were on their way, they were cleansed.

¹⁵When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice.

¹⁶He fell facedown at Jesus’ feet in thanksgiving to Him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷“Were not all ten cleansed?” Jesus asked. “Where then are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found except this foreigner to return and give glory to God?”

¹⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well!”

Berean Study Bible

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This is what faith (v19) looks like. Luke 17:11-19

Faith looks like problems. 17:11-13

Problems are abnormal. (Perfect Creation)

Problems are normal. (Fall into sin)

Faith looks like obedience. 17:14

Jesus may give a miraculous solution. 14

Jesus may require a skilful solution. (eg. Dr)

Faith looks like thanksgiving. 17:15-19

Every solution demands thanks. 16

Every solution demands praise. 18

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Wants or needs. Luke 17:11-19

I want mercy. 17:11-13

I fail to understand the awfulness of sin. 12 “lepers... distance”

I fail to understand the holiness of God. 13 “Master”

I need obedience. 17:14

Obedience gives a better direction. 14 “Go”

Obedience gives a better destination. 14 “priest”

I give thanks. 17:15-16

My actions engage the mind. 15 “saw”

My attitude engages the heart. 16 “fell at Jesus’ feet”

I find completeness. 17:17-19

I am to glorify God. 18 “glory to God”

I get wholistic faith. 19 “faith has made you well”

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A day in my life. Luke 17:11-19

The journey I’m on. 17:11

I know where I am going. 11a “to Jerusalem”

I know how to get there. 11b “passing between”

The support I offer. 17:12-14

People have problems. 12 “lepers”

People need obedience. 14 “go... to the priests”

The questions I ask. 17:15-18

Where is the gratitude? 16 “thanksgiving”

Who gets the credit? 18 “glory to God”

The encouragement I give. 17:19

Make physical progress. 19a “rise and go”

Make spiritual progress. 19b “faith has made you”

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Getting there. Luke 17:11-19

Road trip theme

My journey. 17:11

Endure to the end. 11a “on His way to Jerusalem”

Manage the middle. 11b “between Samaria and Galilee”

Your journey. 17:12-14

Everyone needs mercy. 13 “have mercy on us”

Everyone needs obedience. 14 “go, show yourselves”

Our detour. 17:15-18

Go out of the way to give thanks. 16 “thanksgiving”

Go out of the way to give glory. 18 “give glory to God”

Our fuel. 17:19

Continue forward. 19a “rise and go”

Continue faithful. 19b “your faith has made you”

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Where my life intersects with Jesus. Luke 17:11-19

Jesus and I were on different paths. 17:11-12

Jesus had a date with destiny. 11 “to Jerusalem”

I had a date with despair. 12 “at a distance”

Jesus and I crossed paths. 17:13-14

I knew I needed mercy. 13 “Master, have mercy”

Jesus knew I needed cleansing. 14 “Go, show”

Jesus and I crossed paths again. 17:15-18

I knew I needed to give thanks. 15-16 “came back... thanksgiving”

Jesus knew I needed to add praise. 17-18 “give glory to God”

Jesus and I have our own unique paths. 17:19

I have a new path to follow. 19 “Rise and go”

Jesus still has a date with destiny.

Other possible titles

Thanksgiving living

Why are you alone?

Where are the others?

Thanks, or No thanks

Gratitude attitude

One in ten

The top 10%

Confessions of an ingrate

Thank Full

A simple ‘Thank you’ will do.

The lost art of thanksgiving

Appreciation of Awesome

The one who didn’t get away

What makes people happy

Living on the edge

Now thank we all our God
Lepers can change their spots
Lessons from a leper
All in, one out
I give because I get
What has God ever done for me?
Thinking and thanking
Be the one

Quotes and illustrations

Quotes about obedience, v14

If you know that God loves you, you should never question a directive from Him. It will always be right and best. When He gives you a directive, you are not just to observe it, discuss it, or debate it. You are to obey it. Henry Blackaby

God's commands are designed to guide you to life's very best. You will not obey Him, if you do not believe Him and trust Him. You cannot believe Him if you do not love Him. You cannot love Him unless you know Him. Henry Blackaby

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.
Oswald Chambers

Wicked men obey from fear; good men, from love. Augustine

Have you noticed how much praying for revival has been going on of late - and how little revival has resulted? I believe the problem is that we have been trying to substitute praying for obeying, and it simply will not work. A W Tozer

It is altogether doubtful whether any man can be saved who comes to Christ for His help with no intention to obey Him. A W Tozer

Salvation apart from obedience is unknown in the sacred Scriptures... Apart from obedience there can be no salvation, for salvation without obedience is a self-contradictory impossibility. A W Tozer

Truth without obedience is hypocrisy; obedience without truth is legalism. Jack Wellman

The will of God for your life is simply that you submit yourself to Him each day and say, "Father, Your will for today is mine. Your pleasure for today is mine. Your work for today is mine. I trust You to be God. You lead me today and I will follow." Kay Arthur

If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honour, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice? David Livingstone

Maturity comes from obedience, not necessarily from age. Leonard Ravenhill

A ton of prayer will not produce what an ounce of obedience will. Ed Cole

A passion for God isn't necessarily the same as abiding in God; it must be coupled with obedience to be true love for God. Ed Cole

Your faith level is determined by your obedience level. Jack Hyles

Quotes about thanksgiving, v16

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

Yes, give thanks for "all things" for, as it has been well said "Our disappointments are but His appointments." A W Pink

We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction. Harry Ironside

Is the glass half empty or half full? Just be thankful you have a glass! Jack Wellman

If your wife doesn't treat you as she should, be thankful, you might not like what you deserve. Jerry Falwell

The thankful heart sees the best part of every situation. It sees problems and weaknesses as opportunities, struggles as refining tools, and sinners as saints in progress. Francis Frangipane

Instead of complaining that God had hidden himself, you will give Him thanks for having revealed so much of Himself. Blaise Pascal

Careful for nothing, prayerful for everything, thankful for anything. Dwight L Moody

We can always find something to be thankful for, and there may be reasons why we ought to be thankful for even those dispensations which appear dark and frowning. Albert Barnes

Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts. Andrew Murray

It's possible to be thankful wherever you find yourself. David Jeremiah

A sensible thanksgiving for mercies received is a mighty prayer in the Spirit of God. It prevails with Him unspeakably. John Bunyan

The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings! Henry Ward Beecher

If you cannot be thankful for what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped. Anonymous

I'm sure you have all heard of Rudyard Kipling. He is the author of famous books like The Jungle Book and Captain Courageous. His writings not only made him famous but also brought him a fortune. A newspaper reporter came up to him once and said, "Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over one hundred dollars a word." Then the reporter reached into his pocket and pulled out a one hundred-dollar bill and gave it to Kipling and said, "Here's a one hundred dollar bill, Mr. Kipling. Now you give me one of your hundred dollar words." Rudyard Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, "Thanks!" The word "thanks" is certainly a hundred dollar word. In fact, I would say it is more like a million-dollar word. It's a small word but it has a powerful meaning. It might only have 6 letters but it gets across a message that few other words are capable of achieving. Sajeew Painunkal

Rudy Kipling lived from 1865 to 1936. He was English, yet born in Bombay, India. He wrote poetry and is the author of many books including the Jungle Books. Kipling's writings not only made him famous but also brought him fortune. A newspaper reporter came up to him once and said, "Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writing's amounts to over one hundred dollars a word." The reporter reached into his pocket and pulled out a one hundred dollar bill and gave it to Kipling and said, "Here's a one hundred dollar bill, Mr. Kipling. Now you give me one of your hundred dollar words." Rudy Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, "THANKS!" The word thanks is definitely a one hundred dollar word. Multiple sources, original unknown.

Unthankfulness is a sign of the last days. ¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, **ungrateful**, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 NIV

Quotes about glory to God, v17

Question 1. What is the chief end of Man? Answer. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever. Westminster Shorter Catechism

What does it mean to glorify God? It does not mean to make Him more glorious. It means to acknowledge His glory, and to value it above all things, and to make it known. John Piper

One of the joys of heaven...will be discovering the hidden ways that God in His sovereignty acted in our lives on earth to protect and guide us [that we might] bring glory to His name, in spite of our frailty. Billy Graham

I don't believe there is one great thing I was made to do in this world. I believe there is one great God I was made to glorify. And there will be many ways, even a million little ways, I will declare his glory with my life. Emily Freeman

Man's delight in the Lord is the absolute peak of human triumph. He praises God when full of joy, and when not, he praises God to become full of joy. For to know and to live as though God is worthy of all praise, in all one's circumstances, whether seemingly good or seemingly bad, is the primary definition of joy and the richest triumph for man under God. Criss Jami

Yesterday I was clever, so I took the glory for myself. Today He makes me wise, so I give the glory to Him. Anonymous

The more God is glorified, the more I am energised, and the more Satan is weakened. Anon

Music and songs

Songs about mercy, v13

His mercy is more (Getty)
O the mercy of God
Surely goodness and mercy, CWH 10

Songs about obedience, v14

When we walk with the Lord... Trust and obey. H 711

Songs about cleansing, v17

Clean (Gaither)
Purify my heart... Refiners fire, 657

Songs about thanksgiving, v16

Give thanks with a grateful heart, SiS 509
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving, SiS 139
It's a good thing to give thanks, Ot 75
My heart is filled with thankfulness (Getty), Ot 97
Now thank we all our God with heart, and hands, and voices.
Thanksgiving / Thank you Lord (Rob Smith), Ot 28

Songs about glory to God, v17

All Heaven declares the glory (Fettke)
Give Him glory, 270
Glorify Your Name, 206
Glory, Ot 59
I want to praise You Lord, MiS 9
Lord be glorified (In my life Lord), 5 / SiS 577
Power and the glory of Your Name, Ot 24
To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Songs about faith, v19

By faith (Getty), Ot 87
Have faith in God, Ot 80
I walk by faith, Ot 32
May all who come behind us find us faithful, Ot 115
My faith has found a resting place, H 669
My faith, it is an oaken staff, H
Passing the faith along (Gaither)
Therefore being justified by faith, SiS 29

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. How do you feel when you have generously helped someone, and then they do, or do not, thank you for what you have done for them?
2. In what ways does thanksgiving help the thanksgiver?
3. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time, but He was traveling by the 'back roads'. In your travels are you more about the journey, or the destination?
4. Why didn't Jesus simply say, "You are healed"? Why does Jesus not give us simple answers to our questions or problems?
5. One person returned (v15). What is the significance of each of His actions (v15-16)?
6. List some advantages for us, by doing what he did.
7. Jesus asked 3 questions (v17-18)? What are the answers; and explain those answers.
8. Modern preacher, David Jeremiah, said, "It's possible to be thankful wherever you find yourself." Would the leper agree with that?

Instead of healing the lepers, Jesus told the unhealed lepers to do what healed lepers were required to do (v14). Why would He do that?
