

"Giving Thanks" Luke 17:11-19

Giving thanks is the natural response as we realize our need and recognize that God satisfies. Take a look at how we often overlook this simple truth.

Giving thanks is...

a Realization of a need and a Recognition of the one that satisfies it

Giving thanks is...

a Realization of our need and a Recognition that only God can satisfy it

How do we do it?

I. Reality of the Situation (Luke 17.11-13)

- Abandoned by Humanity
- Appearance of Humility

II. Response to God's Action (Luke 17.14-18)

- Response of the Majority
 - Why was this a Problem?
They receive the gift without receiving the Giver
 - Why did they respond this way?
 - Wrong Object of Focus
 - » Self Focused
 - » Event Focused
 - Wrong Operation of Living
 - » Expectation
 - » Entitlement
 - Our Response Reveals our Worship

Romans 1:20-25

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

- Response of the Minority
 - Saw the Result
 - Turned back
 - Glorified God (loud voice)
 - Fell on his face
 - Gave thanks

III. Receive God's Salvation (Luke 17.19)

- How do we Correctly Respond in Thanks?
 - It takes Taking
 - It takes Time
 - It takes Thinking
 - God's Past
 - God's Present
 - God's Promises
 - It takes Talking