

THANKFULNESS

It's All in Your Mind...Attitude is Everything (Part 2)

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

- Those who choose grumbling as their lifestyle will spend their lifetime in the wilderness.
- Attitudes are patterns of thinking formed over a long period of time.

A. Everyone needs the Lord.

⁴¹ While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;" Luke 17:11-12 (NASB)

B. Only a few thank Him personally.

⁴² As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; ¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? ¹⁸ Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ And He said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.'" Luke 17:12-19 (NASB)

C. Only a few experience Him powerfully.

"Faith grows in the soil of thankfulness."

⁴⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, . . . 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." Romans 1:19-21 (NASB)

"Gratitude is the attitude that sets the attitude for living!"

Gratitude - "to show that a kindness received is valued."

⁴⁵ Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalm 107:15 (NKJV)

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I. THANKFULNESS IS A DECISION.

II. THANKFULNESS IS A DECISION BASED IN REALITY.

⁴⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:14 (NASB)

⁴¹ O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness." Isaiah 25:1 (NASB)

⁴⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ," 2 Corinthians 2:14a (NASB)

⁴⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." Colossians 3:15-17 (NASB)

III. THANKFULNESS IS A LIFE-CHANGING DECISION.

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CONCLUSION:

➤ Am I a thankful person?

✓ Level One

⁴⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15 (NASB)

✓ Level Two

⁴⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NASB)

✓ Level Three

²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;" Ephesians 5:20 (NASB)

➤ Am I seeing the blessings of thankfulness in my life?

➤ Am I choosing thankfulness over complaining?