



# Give Thanks To The Lord!

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endures forever! **Psalm 107:1**

Giving thanks is the intentional expression of worship and gratitude to God for His nature, character and sovereignty over all creation. Beyond the good times and the bad times believers are called to give thanks to God as an expression of faith established through hope and amplified by His love at work in us.

- In the old testament the art of giving thanks is seen as a celebration of God's works in our lives and a critical part of the believers sacrificial worship of God. (**Leviticus 7:12-15, Psalms 100:4**)
- In the new testament a lifestyle of giving thanks for all things and in all circumstances is highlighted as the will of God for us in Christ Jesus as we walk in and by Faith. (**1Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 5:20**)

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**11.** On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. **12.** And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance **13.** and lifted up 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 went they were cleansed. **15.** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; **16.** and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. **17.** Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18.** Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” **19.** And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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- Jesus had compassion and was willing to heal them at their obedience.
- Only one person returned to give thanks to God. A Samaritan who didn't know the importance of giving thanks to God.
- The decision to return to give thanks gave the man an additional blessing the others didn't receive. He was made "whole".

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# The Power of Thanks Giving...

- **Thanksgiving brings understanding and clarity...** At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children. **Matthew 11:25**
- **Thanksgiving brings multiplication...** Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. **John 6:11**
- **Thanks giving brings life to what is dead...** So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **John 11:41**

# Conclusion...

**15.** And 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 dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **with thankfulness in your hearts to God.** **17.** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God the Father through him...** Colossians 3:15-17

Let us pray...