

**THANKFULNESS**

# The Purpose of the Gospel of Luke

*Luke 1:3b-4 (GNB) I have carefully studied all these matters from their beginning, I thought it would be good to write an orderly account for you. I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught.*

# Luke 17:11-19

# Leviticus 13:45

*"The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp."*

# They recognized three things:

- Who He was: Jesus
- What He was: Master
- What He could do: He could make them well

# Luke 17:15-16

*Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks.*

# Luke 17:17-18

*Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

**Three things to consider**



# **1.) Thankfulness matters to God**

## **2.) The importance of remembering**

# 1 Chronicles 16:8-12

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

*Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his  
wondrous works!*

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who  
seek the LORD rejoice!*

*Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence  
continually!*

*Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,*

# The Jews had the passover

Deuteronomy 16:3 *You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction--for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste--that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.*

# Christians have communion

1 Corinthians 11:24-25 *“and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

# A great way to jump start your prayers...

*Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with  
thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*Psalm 95:2 Let us come into his  
presence with thanksgiving; let us make  
a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

**If you don't feel like it  
make it a sacrifice!**

*Psalm 50:23 The one who offers  
thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;  
to one who orders his way rightly I will  
show the salvation of God!"*

*Psalm 116:17 I will offer to you the  
sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the  
name of the LORD.*

### 3.) The opposite of thankfulness

*Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."*



# The problem coveting produces

*James 4:2-3 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

# Coveting takes away our joy!

*Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep.*

# The secret

*Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

# Trust God to be the provider

*Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

# CONCLUSION