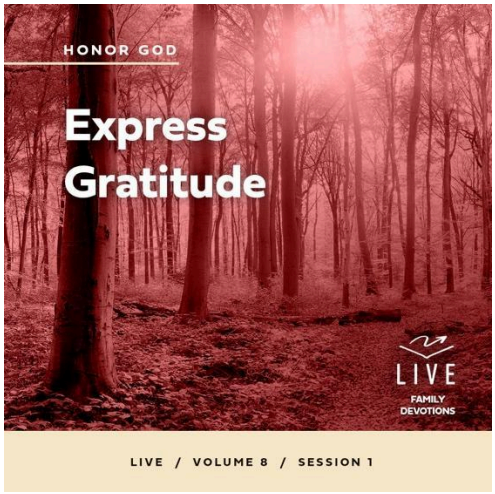


Day 1

Faith Fact
I will give thanks to God.

Faith Verse
Psalm 86:12 (NLT)
With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever.

Question of the Day: How has God been good to you?

Read about It

Read: Luke 17:11–14

When someone in Bible times had leprosy, they were separated from the rest of the people and forced to live outside of their village. People were afraid that their disease was contagious and deadly. If the sick person came close to someone else, they had to yell from a distance, "Unclean." This disease destroyed lives. When Jesus healed all ten of these men suffering from leprosy, He not only healed them physically, but He also changed their entire lives. They could return to their families and friends and live normal lives again.

When we think about all that God has done for us, we are reminded that without Him, we would have nothing. His goodness can be seen in every part of our life. Because of what He has done for us, our life is changed forever. He is so good to us and deserves every bit of worship, honor, and gratitude that we can give Him.

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Talk about It

Question 1. What disease did the men in today's story have?
Answer 1. They had leprosy. (Luke 17:11)

Question 2. How many men had leprosy in the story?
Answer 2. There were ten men who had leprosy. (Luke 17:12)

Question 3. How many of the men with leprosy were healed?
Answer 3. All of them were healed. (Luke 17:14)

Question 4. How do you think you would have acted if you were one of the ten men with leprosy and Jesus healed you?
Answer 4. Answers will vary.

Question 5. How has God been good to you?
Answer 5. Answers will vary.

Pray about It

Dear God, thank You for who You are and for everything You've done for me. Because of You and what You have done, my life has been changed forever. Thank You! Amen.

Day 2

Faith Fact
I will give thanks to God.

Faith Verse
Psalm 86:12 (NLT)

With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever.

Question of the Day: How can we respond with gratitude when God does something for us?

Read about It

Read: Luke 17:15–19

Imagine for a moment that you are wanting to give the most perfect gift to someone special. You spend time searching for just the right thing that you think they'll love. You do some extra jobs to make some enough money to pay for it. When you buy it, you make sure to wrap it carefully, so it looks perfect. Then you give it to them, and they look at it before walking off without ever saying thank you or telling you if they like it. That would be hurtful, wouldn't it?

Jesus could have demanded that the other nine men come back and thank Him, but He didn't. He wants us to worship Him and thank Him because we want to and because we love Him. For the one leper who came back, it was an immediate response. As soon as he saw that he was healed, he came back to Jesus and started praising and thanking Him. This should be our attitude, too.

Talk about It

Question 1. How many people with leprosy did Jesus heal in this story?
Answer 1. He healed ten men. (Luke 17:17)

Question 2. How many of the men came back to thank Him?
Answer 2. Only one came back to thank Him. (Luke 17:15)

Question 3. When was a time that you gave a gift to someone, and they didn't show gratefulness? How did this make you feel?
Answer 3. Answers will vary.

Question 4. Why do you think Jesus doesn't demand that we show gratitude to Him?
Answer 4. Answers will vary.

Question 5. How can we respond with gratitude when God does something for us?
Answer 5. Answers will vary.

Pray about It

Dear God, help me to never take for granted all the things You've done for me. I always want to have a heart of gratitude and worship toward You. You are so good to me, and I thank You for it. Amen.

Day 3

Faith Fact
I will give thanks to God.

Faith Verse
Psalm 86:12 (NLT)
With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever.

Question of the Day: How can we thank God with our life?

Read about It

Read: Psalm 103:1–5

Can you imagine how boring it would be if you were watching a sports game, and all the players were just walking around instead of really trying to play the game? If you were playing in this game, you would probably get benched by your coach for being lazy and not taking it seriously. Sports require all of your effort from the beginning to the end of the game.

This is the way that God wants us to live our life in worship to Him. Everything we do can be an act of worship if we do it to honor to Him. Even becoming the kind of person He wants us to be is worship. Who we are and what we do should show that we're thankful to Him. We shouldn't be lazy in our worship to Him or careless in how we live our life. We should let all that we are, with our whole heart and our whole life, express our gratitude and praise to Him.

Talk about It

Question 1. According to our Bible reading today, how much of your heart should you praise and thank the Lord with?
Answer 1. With your whole heart (Psalm 103:1)

Question 2. Based on the Bible verses you read, what are some good things God does for us?
Answer 2. He forgives all our sins, heals all our diseases, redeems us from death, shows us love and mercy, fills our life with good things, and strengthens us. (Psalm 103:3–5)

Question 3. How can we sometimes get lazy and careless in worshipping and thanking God?
Answer 3. Answers will vary.

Question 4. How do you think God feels when we are lazy and careless about living our life in thanks to Him?
Answer 4. Answers will vary.

Question 5. How can we thank God with our life?
Answer 5. We can thank Him by showing our gratitude and living a life of worship for Him.

Pray about It

Dear God, I want everything I do to be an act of worship to You. Help me to live my life with thankfulness in all that I do. Amen.

Day 4

Faith Fact
I will give thanks to God.

Faith Verse
Psalm 86:12 (NLT)

With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever.

Question of the Day: How can we live a life of thankfulness in every situation—good or bad?

Read about It

Read: Philippians 4:11–13; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Imagine there's a new pair of shoes you want, but you don't have enough money to buy them. When you can't have something, it can be easy to forget about all the things you do have. Sometimes, you start to grumble and complain. When you really have your heart set on doing something, you can become frustrated and ungrateful if things don't happen the way you planned. But, it's important for us to recognize that God is good. He shows His goodness to us, even when we may not be able to see it right away.

When we learn to be content no matter what we're going through, we can have a heart of worship and gratitude in every situation. Even when God doesn't answer our prayers the way we think He should, or He allows us to go through difficult times, He is still good. He is still worthy of all our thanks and praise. We must choose to be thankful whether we feel like it or not.

Talk about It

Question 1. In which circumstances and situations should we be thankful?
Answer 1. We should be thankful in all circumstances. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Question 2. According to our Bible reading, why should we be thankful in all circumstances?
Answer 2. It is God's will for everyone who belongs to Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Question 3. Why is it sometimes difficult for us to be grateful in hard situations?
Answer 3. Answers will vary.

Question 4. Why is it important for us to learn to be content and thankful in every situation?
Answer 4. We can have a heart of worship and gratitude no matter what comes.

Question 5. How can we live a life of thankfulness in every situation—good or bad?
Answer 5. Answers will vary.

Pray about It

Dear God, even when life is hard and doesn't make sense, help me to be content and grateful in every situation. You are always good and always worthy of my praise. Amen.