

THE THANKFUL SAMARITAN 17:11-19

When you are thankful, you see God's love and goodness. Your eyes are wide open to his judgments. You are receptive to His will. Unthankfulness, by contrast, blinds the eyes. An unthankful person may not even know that God is in the picture.

-George Sweeting

1. **The Master who serves (17:11-14)**

- A critical point in ministry

- A remarkable healing

2. Only one went back (17:15-19)

- It's *how* he went back!

He was _____

in a _____

at _____

and he _____

and *he* was a Samaritan!

- Where were the other nine? (Hint: they were somewhere else.)

They embraced the _____, but not the

_____.

They wanted what _____, but they

didn't _____.

3. Takeaways

Unexpressed gratitude is not thanksgiving; it is thanks-withholding.

Unexpressed gratitude feels like ingratitude to both the giver and the receiver.

Unexpressed gratitude damages relationships; expressed gratitude strengthens them.

Some Things to Think About

Why we should be thankful

- God is thanked for his deliverance (Ps 35:18),
- for loving us and being faithful (Ps 52:9; 107:8),
- for hearing our cry (Ps 118:21),
- for safe arrival after a long, arduous journey (Acts 28:15),
- for other believers and for the testimony of their faith (Rom 1:8),
- for the gift of salvation that enables one not to sin (Rom 6:17),
- for delivering us from our tendency to sin (Rom 7:25),
- for the spiritual gift of being able to address God (1 Cor 14:18),
- for resurrection hope (1 Cor 15:57),
- for testimony, deliverance and victory in the midst of persecution (2 Cor 2:14),
- for the support of a colleague in ministry (2 Cor 8:16),
- for other believers (Phil 1:3; Col 1:3; 2 Tim 1:3; Philem 4),
- for those who respond to God's Word (1 Thess 2:13),
- for being able to serve others for God (1 Tim 1:12)
- and for his attributes (Rev 4:9).

Notice that this list includes not one item having to do with things, with possessions.¹

¹ Bock, D. L. (1994). [Luke](#) (Lk 17:11). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.