

Gratitude Shift

Gratitude Shift: Shifting from Petition to Praise

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1. Gratitude Shifts our Worship from Petition to Praise

"1 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. 3 Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation" (Psalm 100 NLT).

2. Gratitude Grows deeper Intimacy

"15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, 'Praise God!' 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, 'Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?' 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?' 19 And Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you" (Luke 17:15-19 NLT).

3. Gratitude Produces Extravagant Worship

"6 Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. 7 While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over his head. 8 The disciples were indignant when they saw this. 'What a waste!' they said. 9 'It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.' 10 But Jesus, aware of this, replied, 'Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? 11 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. 12 She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. 13 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed" (Matthew 26: 6-13 NLT).

Group Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to shift from asking God for things to simply praising Him for who He is?
2. In the story of the ten lepers, why do you think only one came back to thank Jesus?
3. How does gratitude help us grow closer in our relationship with God?
4. The woman with the alabaster jar showed her love for Jesus in an extravagant way — what might "extravagant gratitude" look like in your life?
5. What's one thing you can thank God for today, not because of what He's done, but because of who He is?