

Thanksgiving - One Last Step to Receiving from God

Borrowing a Leaf from the Leper in Luke 17:11-19

Once, I was forced to say this to a much older lady, with tough love: "Don't call God a liar". She looked at me, startled, and said she did not. "Why are you complaining and weeping as though God has never been good to you, then?" I asked. "You behave and talk as though you were a stranger to Him", I said. She quickly wiped off her tears. She must have done the needful, because a few weeks later, she had a major breakthrough and put on her dancing shoes.

Don't wait until God has granted the last item on your Request List before you give Him praise. We are not ungrateful children, Amen. Praise Him in good and not-so-good times. If you have made a request to Him in accordance with His word and have no unsettled issues (hidden sins, for example), He may just be waiting on you for a testimony you have refused to share and/or your Thanksgiving. When Jesus Christ healed the ten lepers in *Luke 17:14*, only one came back to thank Him. He praised Jesus Christ with a loud voice. He fell at His feet and thanked Him. The leper received more blessings because he had a heart of gratitude. While the other nine received healing in their bodies, he received healing in both his body and soul. I shared a personal testimony in one of my books, on the importance of praising and thanking God and how a night of simply praising God changed my life completely.

We give thanks, not only to express appreciation to God for what He has already done for us, but to also thank Him in advance for what we believe He is going to do for us. Giving thanks in this circumstance, releases our faith. We are also enjoined in the Bible to be thankful in every situation we find ourselves (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, beloved. Let us borrow a leaf from the leper in *Luke 17:11-19*.

Shalom!

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