



“Thankfulness in Our Lives”

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Why did only one cleansed leper out of ten return to thank Jesus? The following are nine possible excuses why the nine did not return:

One waited to see if the cure was real.

One waited to see if it would last.

One said he would see Jesus later.

One decided that he had never really had leprosy.

One said he would have gotten well anyway.

One gave the glory to the priests.

One said, "O well, Jesus didn't really do anything."

One said, "Just any rabbi could have done it."

One said, "I was already much improved."

“Every Good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of Lights in whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning.” -James 1:17

We should be thankful for every good (or not so good) thing that comes our way, for it all comes from our God who is rich in mercy and grace. It is a gift directly from God. We should always recognize this and show our thankfulness to our gracious heavenly Father.

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting. His truth endures to all generations” -Psalm 100:4-5. In the book of the Psalms the word, “thanksgiving,” is mentioned 8 times in 8 verses, and “thanks” is mentioned 23 times in 22 verses. But there is also an exhortation all through the Psalms to not forget the Lord’s benefits (Psa. 103:2). We are told 33 times in the Psalms that His “mercy endures forever.” We must all be especially glad for this!

Jesus modeled and encouraged thanksgiving to His Heavenly Father. We can learn much from His prayers and ourselves model the same.

>He thanked God at the grave of Lazarus –John 11:41.

>He thanked His heavenly Father when He fed 5, 000 –John 6:11.

>He thanked His Father as 70 disciples returned with victory –Luke 10:21.

>He instituted the Lord’s Supper, giving thanks for the bitter cup he was about to drink -Luke 22:19.

>He noted that only one leper out of ten returned to thank Him –Luke 17:12-19.

Now if our Savior demonstrated His sincere thankfulness to His Father for everything coming His way during His days on earth, we should know that this was modeled for our learning and as a pattern for us to follow.

Our Bible encourages us to be thankful for everything that the Lord sends to grow us in our life and relationship to others.

>It is God’s will for us to give thanks for everything -1 Thessalonians 5:18.

>Even our words and deeds should be permeated with thanksgiving to God –Colossians 3:7.

>Even in adversity, God is working a discipline and strength in us –Romans 5:3-5; James 1:1-5.

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings. *“Giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” –Ephesians 5:20.*



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The Lighter Side... A True Story:

A pastor friend called my cell phone on a Friday night. A large church wedding was scheduled the following day. But the groom forgot to get a marriage license! Could they proceed without a marriage license? He did.

The following day he left a long message on my cell. Not only did he not have the license:
>The groom gave the rings to the photographer and they were lost. Never found!
>The groom waited until the last minute to print up wedding vows and the printer would not work. He showed up with no vows printed!

>The groom forgot to provide grape juice for the unity cup used in communion. No juice!

>The groom forgot to buy the soda to go with the wedding reception afterward. No drinks!

>The groom forgot to provide supplies of silverware to use with the reception meal. No forks, knives or spoons!

The pastor was laughing so hard he could hardly leave his message. He said: *“Other than the above the wedding went quite well.”*

Question: Was this guy ready for marriage?



1 lb. Ground Beef

1 can (16 oz) Stewed Tomatoes

½ cup water

1 envelope Onion Soup

1 bag (24 oz) Frozen Vegetables for stew, partially thawed

In skillet brown beef lightly and drain.

Stir in tomatoes, water and onion soup mix. Bring to boil. Add vegetables. Cover and simmer 20 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper.

Serves 4

-Linda Russell



Don't forget to clean up the top and bottom of your lawn mower and do any necessary repairs before storing it for the winter. Changing the oil in the mower engine is always a good idea in the fall. You'll be glad you did all this when the spring comes!

Wood Burning Stoves: If you use a wood-burning stove or fireplace, have the chimneys checked each year and cleaned if necessary as a protection from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Every Crack Deserves a Caulk: Before winter chill sets in, many homeowners take a tour of the exterior with caulk gun in hand. Of course, the main targets of seasonal caulking are window frames, door frames and roof joints. Don't forget to seal around water spigots, the dryer vent, and porch or deck attachments too.

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"To every thing there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Rev. David Bauer November Itinerary



Nov. 10 9:00 a.m. BRM Leadership Conference
Grace Community Church, Lombard, IL

Nov. 15 12:00 noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago



Key Note Speaker: Dr. James Ford
Radio Personality and Long-Time Pastor of
Christ Bible Church, Chicago

Bible Related Ministries Leadership Conference

***Improving Your Church Health
Saturday, November 10, 2018***

Plus cutting-edge workshops dedicated
toward enriching your church ministry

Workshop Leaders:

Dr. Rich Mc Carrell Dr. Ross Bacon
Rev. Brian De Cook Mr. Ken Muellner
Rev. Larry Van Gundy Mr. Stephen Lynerd

Where? Grace Community Church
1100 S. Fairfield, Lombard, IL

Mark this date on your calendar & join us!
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BRM Field Report #11

We are in the midst of receiving responses to our "Working Toward a Healthier Church" Leadership Conference, planned for November 10. We have a great conference planned, dealing with some of the top issues church leaders are facing in this modern world, along with Dr. James Ford (46 year Chicago pastor) sharing principles of church health. But, true to form, pastors and church leaders have been slow in registering so far. Any pastors out there who plan on coming to the conference, please fill in the registration on front of the flyer and get it back to us ASAP. The flyer also can be downloaded off of our web home page at: www.biblerelatedministries.org

Roberts Road Bible Church celebrated their 80th Anniversary on October 14. Pastor Dave Bauer did a historical presentation in the Sunday school hour and also a short one in the morning church service. BRM was able to share some documents and pictures with them that hadn't been seen in over 40 years.

A church leader called one of our Associates recently with questions as to how to get us to come in and help the board. Upon further inquiry, it turned out that he was trying to get rid of (dismiss) their pastor. Their constitution was written in such a way, that he (alone) had the power to dismiss a pastor. Our man said that one person with this much control was not good. And they have not called us back.

Another out-of-state church leader called with concerns about the lack of younger members in the congregation. The pastor has been catering to the older generation in preaching and in music selections. Members appear lethargic in regards to a desire to reach the lost outside the building. If we are not active in doing the Great Commission, what are we doing? Church is not a country club.

Yet another abrasive and insinuating text sent out by cell phone causing hurt feelings in a family. Why do we write each other off with mean words and then group mail them? Jesus' directions: Matt. 18:15 In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer –Matthew 6:15