

TALK IT OVER

Gratitude

BOTTOM LINE

Gratitude is focusing on the good while you are working on what isn't.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one thing that made you grateful over the summer? How did you express it?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [How to Thank God "Even Though"](#) by Steven Furtick (10 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:11-19 NIV

"Unexpressed gratitude is experienced as ingratitude." – Andy Stanley

"There are few things more hurtful than ingratitude. Gratitude goes a long way with me, and ingratitude goes a long way with me as well." – Dwight Mason

"Gratitude and ingratitude are relationally determinative. Don't let anyone out-grateful you." – Dwight Mason

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What impact has gratitude or ingratitude had in your life? Would those around you likely describe you as grateful, ungrateful, or not apparent? How does ingratitude or gratitude affect you in your relationships? How does gratitude to God intertwine with gratitude with people? What seems to most frequently get in the way of expressing gratitude? Ingratitude conveys rejection or entitlement. Discuss. Gratitude needs to be expressed. How are you grateful for NewPointe's 15 years of multisite ministry? To whom do you need to express personal gratitude? Currently, would you count yourself as one of the nine or with the grateful leper?

ACTION STEP

I want to be known by God and people for my gratitude. I will thank God publicly and privately daily. I will regularly express gratitude privately and publicly to those who help me forward, starting with _____.