

THE ONE-IN-TEN THANKFUL BELIEVER

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Luke 17:12-19 – 10 lepers are healed, and 1 is thankful.
Are you the 9, or the 1?

It is vitally important that we, as Christians, develop a thankful attitude toward God.

I. Thankfulness is important for Obedience

A. We are **commanded** to thank God.

Col 3:15; Ps 50:14

B. It is our **sacrifice** to God.

Heb 13:15

C. We're told to give **thanks for everything**.

I Thess 5:18; Eph 5:18-20; Rom 8:28

If you truly believe Him, if you trust Him, you can thank Him for everything.

II. Thankfulness is important in Prayer

I Tim 2:1

“Supplication” is personal requests.

“Intercessions” is praying for others.

“Prayers” is communication – time spent with God.

“Giving of thanks” – *Count your blessings, or sulk in the world – that's your choice.*

III. Thankfulness is important in Praise

Dan 6:1-26

Daniel made sure to pray & thank God 3 times a day, every day.

God is honored & praised by multitudes – This resulted from one man's commitment to praise God 3 times a day.

IV. Thankfulness is important for Growth

Col 2:6-7

Notice you can't grow like that without a **trustful & thankful** attitude toward God.

V. Thankfulness is important for Emotional Well-being

Phil 4:6-8

If you will bring your cares before God, with thanksgiving, He'll give you **peace**.

Col 3:17

Psalms 96:1-8

“O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

...

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.”