

THANKS-LIVING

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This coming week is Thanksgiving week but shouldn't every week be thanksgiving week for you and I as the people of God?

Should there be any time in our lives or any days of our weeks when we cease to give God thanks?

Is there anyone who can truthfully say that God hasn't been good to them? If He has been good to us, shouldn't we be thankful? Shouldn't we be willing to give thanks and to live thankful lives for His many blessings that He has bestowed upon us?

Luke 17:11-19 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, their leprosy disappeared. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God, I'm healed!" He fell face down on the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has made you well." NLT

Jesus healed all ten lepers but only one went back to thank him. Did Jesus take note that the other nine didn't thank him? Yes he did. He asked the question, "Where are the other nine?" Which indicates to us that He expected them to also come and thank him.

God not only deserves our thanks but He also desires it.

1Thes 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

In everything! Not just in some things. Not just for the good things. In everything!

Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

When are we supposed to rejoice in the Lord? Always! Not just on Thanksgiving, not just on Sundays, not just whenever everything is going good in our lives, rather we are to live lives that are Thanks-Living.