

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"  
<sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"  
**Luke 17:17-18 (NIV)**

**What does the Samaritan teach me about gratitude?**

**1. Gratitude counts God's blessings.** (v. 15)

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God...

Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above...  
**James 1:17 (NLT)**

Now, our God, we thank You and praise your glorious name.  
<sup>14</sup> These things did not really come from me and my people.  
Everything comes from you... **1 Chronicles 29:13-14 (NCV)**

Yes, I will bless the Lord and not forget the glorious things he does for me.  
**Psalms 103:2 (TLB)**

**2. Gratitude gives God the credit.** (v. 15, 18)

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?

- Ingratitude **complains**, but gratitude **praises**.

But watch out! Be very careful to never forget what you've seen God doing for you. May His miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles He did.  
**Deuteronomy 4:9 (TLB)**

Sing out your thanks to him; sing praises to our God...  
**Psalms 147:7 (TLB)**

... "Thank the Lord! Praise His name! Tell the world about His wondrous love and how mighty He is!"  
**Isaiah 12:4 (TLB)**

**3. Gratitude leads to worshiping God.** (v. 16)

He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him...

- Gratitude expresses **humility**.
- Gratitude leads to **serving God**.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. <sup>16</sup> Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains. <sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.  
**Psalms 116:12-19 (NIV)**

**4. Gratitude leads to more of God's blessings.** (v. 19)

Then he said to him, Rise and go; your faith has made you well.

- Literally: "Your faith has saved you."

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.  
**Romans 1:21-23 (NIV)**

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.  
**Ephesians 1:3 (GNT)**

Father, I want to thank you for... \_\_\_\_\_  
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