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One Thank-You

Luke 17:11-19 ¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Intro: Gratitude is a powerful force. It can help you and others to be more healthy. Practicing gratitude can change your life.

I. Here are the details of this story.

- A. It is not a parable; it is an actual **encounter** that Jesus had with ten men who were sick. V.11
- B. They had an incurable skin **disease**. V.12
- C. They begged for **pity**. V. 13
- D. Jesus sent them to the priest for **confirmation** of their condition. V.14
- E. As they were going to see the priest, they were **cured**. V. 14
- F. Just **one** of the healed men came back praising God. V. 15
- G. This man thanked Him and **threw** himself at Jesus’ feet. V. 16
- H. This healed man was a **Samaritan**. V. 16
- I. Jesus made a comment about where the other **nine** were. V. 17
- J. Jesus sent the man on his way fully **healed**. V. 19

II. What are the simple truths of this story?

- A. Too many never stop to say thank-you to **others** for what they do for them.
- B. Too many never stop to thank **God** for what he does for them.
- C. Gratitude shows **faith** and **faith** changes things.

III. Here are some ways to implement gratitude.

According to the Huffington Post Online Article: *The Power of “Thank You”*, how can you make recognition be more effective?

- Make it **timely**.
- Make it **personal**.
- Make it **specific**.
- Make it **meaningful**.
- Make it **frequent**.