



**Empowering People to Change the World**

## **The Power of Thanks**

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## The Power of Thanks Thanksgiving

### Point of Entry

Any house you enter requires a door of entry. In the New Testament, Jesus said, *“I am the door.”* (John 10:7)

In the Old Testament, there was a different door mentioned as the point of entry.

*“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”* (Psalm 100:4)

### The Ten Lepers and Jesus

Luke 17:11-19

*“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.’”*

### God’s Statistics

One out of ten, or 10%, gave Jesus the thanks He deserved.

A. God **expects** a thankful heart.

*“Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?’”*  
(Verse 17)

B. No **thanks**, no **gate** (presence).

Psalm 100:4

If your life is void of the presence of God, then you might want to ask yourself if you've lost your thanks.

C. Thankfulness is a **learned art**.

An unthankful heart complains about what it **doesn't** have, instead of being thankful for what it **does** have.

### **Journey of the Unthankful**

1. Thankful
2. Familiar
3. Unsatisfied
4. Take for Granted
5. Unthankful