

"Are You One of the Nine?" Luke 17:11-19

I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

- A. Jesus the Good Shepherd
- B. Jesus Ministering in Judea
- C. Jesus returns to the Temple
- D. Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem

I. The **Setting:** (Luke 17:11-13)

- A. Jesus entered a village on the _____ between Galilee and Samaria and was met by _____ lepers

* What do we know about Leprosy?

- B. When the lepers see Jesus, they cry out to Him for _____

* "have mercy".

II. The **Cleansing of the Lepers:** (John 11:14-19)

- A. Jesus told them to _____ themselves to the _____.

* Why the priests?

- B. As they went, they were _____

- C. One of the ten, a _____, upon recognizing that he is now clean, doesn't _____ on his way to the priests

- D. Instead, he _____ to Jesus

- E. The Samaritan _____ God with a loud voice, falls _____ to _____ Jesus and gives Him _____

F. Jesus asks the cleansed man _____ questions:

1. Were there not ten healed?
2. Where are the other nine?
3. Is there no one here but this Samaritan?

G. Note the Spiritual Application:

1. The lepers were physically unclean.
2. They were afar off.
3. They were without hope.

H. Jesus told the Samaritan that his faith had _____ him

* Does Jesus expect us to be thankful and to express our thankfulness?

* We might say it in two different ways:

1. **Gratitude** is the highest duty of the believer and the supreme virtue, the fountain from which all other blessings flow.
2. **Ingratitude** is the leprosy of the soul. It eats away on the inside, destroys our happiness, cripples our joy, withers our compassion, paralyzes our praise and renders us numb to all the blessings of God.

* Some questions to ponder:

1. Do you only come to Jesus when you have a problem?
2. When you find relief for your problem, do you praise Jesus or forget Him?
3. Is Jesus a genie in a bottle that you come to when you need something from Him?
4. Is Jesus, in your opinion and practice, nothing more than a highly respected miracle worker?
5. Is He a person that you try to stay on good terms with because you may need His help one day?
6. Is He nothing more than an insurance policy that you hope you never need?

* How does this apply to you?