

## Insights from Luke

#67: “What Is the Status of Gratitude in Your Life?”

Luke 17:7-19

Often, however, our desire to praise God for His kindness is hinged on what we think God owes us or has done or not done for us.

### Luke 17:7-9

“<sup>7</sup> Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, Come immediately and sit down to eat? <sup>8</sup> But will he not say to him, Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink? <sup>9</sup> He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?”

### Luke 17:10

“<sup>10</sup> So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.’”

God does not owe us anything!

### Luke 17:11-13

“<sup>11</sup> While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; <sup>13</sup> and they raised their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’”

**Luke 7:14**

“<sup>14</sup> When He saw them, He said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they were going, they were cleansed.”

**Luke 7:15-16**

“<sup>15</sup> Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.”

**Luke 7:17-18**

“<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine — where are they? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?’”

**Luke 7:19**

“<sup>19</sup> And He said to him, ‘Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.’”

**Consider the three  
penetrating questions  
of Jesus.**

**How is it that God  
becomes our servant  
instead of being our master?**

**Thankfulness  
should be one of our  
foremost characteristics.**

**Life becomes more simple  
when we remember that  
God owes us nothing.**