

START GIVING THANKS



Even if you're not sure where all those mercies come from...

...start giving thanks.

Once it dawns on you that it's more than "coincidence" that you're still alive and sane....

.... start giving thanks,

Even if you're unclear about the source.

Because....

....A thankful heart sees beyond the visible.

....A thankful heart has its "receivers" open to heaven.

....A thankful heart connects with God.

And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:12-19



Ten lepers were cleansed---without strings.

But only the Samaritan with a thankful heart became truly whole.

Thankfulness is not a mood, it's an act of the will.

If you're having trouble being thankful, start with this:

**Let all that I am praise the Lord;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.**

**Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.**

**He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.**

He fills my life with good things.

My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

Psalm 103



Prayer: Lord, again and again throughout our lives we have cried out to you, "Lord, master have mercy on us". And you always answer our cries. You rescue us again and again. You are so good to us and we just take our healing and go on our way. Instead, Lord, may we fall on our knees at your mercy to us. May we deeply comprehend all that you have done for us...and may the wonder of it bring a song of thankfulness to our hearts. May such thankfulness well up within us, that we connect with you like we never have before. We lift our voices to your goodness, to your tender mercy, to your forgiveness, to your steadfast love. We thank you for your miraculous redemptive power in our lives, for bringing us out of darkness, for calling us out of our own bitterness and despair. We thank you for not counting our sins against us. We thank you for every healing, for every answered prayer, for your divine protection, for bringing us to life, for renewing us. May every cell in our bodies say thank you, thank you for all you have done. Bless you Lord. Bless you in every way. Amen.

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