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Giving Willingly: Thankfulness

Luke 17:11-19 - *As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" ¹⁶ He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."*

Receiving From God Should Always Result In Thanksgiving

God Wants Us To Respond To Him Out Of Appreciation, Gratitude, And Recognition Not Obligation

Proverbs 11:24 - *Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.*

1. The Reluctant, Deal Maker.

Genesis 28:20-22 - *Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if he will provide me with food and clothing, ²¹ and if I return safely to my father's home, then the LORD will certainly be my God. ²² And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me."*

Jacob's Trustworthiness And Giving Was Conditional

2. The Thankful, Wholehearted Giver.

Genesis 14:18-20 - *And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. ¹⁹ Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.*

Hebrews 4:14 - *...we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.*

Thankfulness Produces Wholehearted, Appreciative Giving