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Luke 17:11-19, *Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.* [12] *As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance* [13] *and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

[14] *When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.* [15] *One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.* [16] *He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.*

[17] *Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed?* ***Where are the other nine?*** [18] *Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"* [19] *Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

What Others Are Saying About Heartfelt Gratitude

"When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude."
- G. K. Chesterton

"Thankfulness is a virtue characteristic of real Christians; it is their worship of God at its best. They thank God and do it with all their hearts."
- Martin Luther

"Only in the act of praise and worship can a person learn to believe in the goodness and greatness of God. God wants us to praise Him, not because He needs or craves, in any sense, our flattery. But because He knows that praise creates joy and thankfulness."
- C. S. Lewis

"The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!"
- Henry Ward Beecher

10 Reasons Why We Don't Return to Give Thanks

1. Forgetfulness
2. Take blessings for granted
3. We feel we're entitled
4. Busyness and distractions
5. Pride
6. Love the gift more than the Giver
7. We haven't developed a habit of thanksgiving
8. Hardened heart
9. We quickly move on
10. Assume that God understands our hearts

How to Live a Life Filled with Gratitude

1. Gratitude begins when we recognize Christ's mercy given to us.

Luke 17:15a, *One of them, when he saw he was healed,…*

2. Gratitude begins when we worship with heartfelt passion.

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3. Gratitude begins when we choose daily to live the surrendered life.

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In case you missed it …

Answers: 1. Blessings 2. Distractions 3. Thanksgiving 4. Understands 5. Recognize 6. Worship 7. Choose