

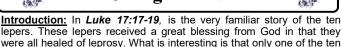
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Pastor & Mrs. C "Old-Fashioned Sunday"





came back to "give thanks" for what had just occurred.

Jesus asked the leper, "...where are the nine?" They all received the blessing of God, but only one was thankful.

What can we learn?

FIRST: GIVING THANKS SHOULD BE A HABIT. I THESSALONIANS 5:18

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

All of us have bec<mark>ome creatures of habit through the year</mark>s. We have developed some good habits and some bad habits. Giving thanks is a great habit to develop.

Illustration: When I was a little boy every time someone gave me something, my dad would ask, "Son, what do you say?" I would say, "Thank you." He made me say this to anyone who did something for me.

Notice: "In every thing give thanks."

In the story of the ten lepers we notice the one came back and said, "Thank you." I believe this is teaching that this leper had said, "Thank you," because he immediately expressed gratitude.

SECOND: GIVING THANKS COMES WITH ITS OWN REWARDS. LUKE 17:19

"And he said unto him, A<mark>rise, go thy way: thy faith ha</mark>th made thee whole."

As you can see, Jesus was very pleased with this man's attitude.

If anyone were honest with you, they would tell you that there is great joy and peace when a person is thankful. If this is true, we should look for things to be thankful for.

Giving thanks produces:

- Joy in the lives of others. Try to take time to say thank you to your dad for all the hard work to provide for the family. Say thank you to your husband or wife.
- Deepens your love of God. One of the greatest ways to cultivate love for God and others is to be thankful and express that thankfulness.
- Encourages optimism. Most of us are pessimistic. We can all see the hope and overlook the doubt. But, when we begin to express thankfulness, it is amazing how everything seems to change.

Today, go into the presence of God and give Him thanks for your salvation, your blessings, your family, and church. Watch what happens to you while you are expressing thanks.

THIRD: GIVING THANKS SHOULD BEGIN TODAY. PSALM 117:62

1. By searching for things to be thankful for—Health, job, family , beauty of the day.

Continued



Dr. Greg Neal

Dead Religion

Matthew describes them for us in 27:3-4, "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that."

Why would Judas try to return the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders? He had agreed to their terms and accepted their bribe money. Had enough time passed for him to feel regret? He admitted that he knew all along that Jesus was innocent and had been falsely accused. Judas fate, however, had been sealed at his unbelief, and he remained accountable for his actions. The chief priests had no compassion on him. Their coldhearted response to Judas showed their callousness. One could almost hear the harshness in their try replied "What is that to us?" See thou to that "In other words they were saying to him.

response to Judas showed their callousness. One could almost hear the harshness in their tone when they replied, "What is that to us? See thou to that." In other words, they were saying to him, "What do you want us to do? That is now your problem. Not ours."

Dead religion does not care about the souls it condemns to Hell. Dead religion has no concern for those who are deceived by its lies. Multitudes believe and even revere the heresy and falsehoods that dead religions have taught them. No matter what denominational label is slapped on to a religion, or if it is lumped in with others, man must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for redemption. If not, he is believing only in himself, his own works, or what somebody else has told him. Those who believed the lies that their dead religion taught them will stand before the Lord God Almighty at the Great White Throne Judgment; and then they will know that it is only Jesus Who saves and not the church, religious ritual, or their good works.

Dead religion cares nothing about the end result. While some may say that preaching the truth is mean-spirited, it is not mean-spirited to tell the Truth. However, it is mean-spirited to lie, to give hope when there is no hope, and to conspire against the Truth, the Lord Jesus Christ. The chief priests had to get rid of Jesus because He was righteous Redemption as the Son of God. The enemies of the early church in the book of Acts had to exterminate the Christians because they preached that Jesus was the Way to Heaven. The Catholic church had to eliminate the Bible-believers because they were contrary to their religious business.



4 sweet potatoes 4 tbsp. butter Salt Black pepper

Mrs. C's Baked Sweet Potatoes

Preheat oven to 425.

Place potatoes on baking sheet lined with foil. Prick the potatoes with a fork.

Bake for 45 minutes.

Cool, then split potatoes and pat with butter.





THE GLANCES BEGAN SHORTLY





"Here's a key to the front door. Give it up on the chimney."

Ouotes by Billy Sunday to Fan Your Fire

"I believe that a long step toward public morality will have been taken when sins are called by their right names."

"The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees."

"The Bible will always be full of things you cannot understand, as long as you will not live according to those you can understand."

"When is a revival needed? When carelessness and unconcern keep the people asleep."

"Whenever a day comes when I can stand and preach God's Word without an agony of anxiety lest the people will not accept Christ; whenever a day comes when I can see men and women coming down the aisles without joy in my heart, I'll quit preaching."

"The church is not a dormitory for sleepers, it is an institution for workers; it is not a rest camp, it is a front line trench."

"One reason sin flourishes is that it is treated like a cream puff instead of a rattlesnake."

"Let's quit fiddling with religion and do something to bring the world to Christ."

By expressing an attitude of thankfulness.

I watch Mrs. C, and her spirit lights up when a student expresses thankfulness for what she does for them.

How long has it been since you wrote a single note thanking someone for what they mean to you?

The giving of thanks can be delivered in:

- 1. Words.
- Actions.

Giving.

Give thanks by following the Lord Jesus Christ, by obeying the Lord Jesus Christ, and by giving to the work of the Lord Jesus

<u>Conclusion:</u> Someone once said, "Thanksgiving should be expressed by thanksliving." What they were saying is that gratitude is an action. It is thanking the God of creation for life. It is the thanking of God for the opportunities he has given you.

When was the last time you just got on your knees and thanked God for your eternal destiny? A time when you thanked Him for your wife and your children, or your dad and your mom.

By the way, it is a new day.

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven? If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I"m asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I"m trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)





Why I Love America

Dr Hyman Appelman

I LOVE AMERICA because, at terrific sacrifice, it has been the world's Big Brother. I LOVE AMERICA because of its gifts to me and to countless others. It gave me an education that I should never have had in Russia. It gave me a chance at freedom denied

me as a Jew almost everywhere else in the world.

I LOVE AMERICA most of all because it gave me Christ and salvation. Here the Gospel was preached to me. Here the cross of the Lord Jesus was lifted up before me. Here

was preached to me. Here the cross of the Lord Jesus was lifted up before me. Here salvation was proffered me as the gift of God's grace, backed up by yearning, loving anxiety of Christian hearts. Here waters of baptism laved me. Here that church cleaned me Here that church the theological seminary connection for the thought of the profession of the connection of the co

welcomed me. Here the theological seminary opened its doors to me. Here I was and am, praise God forever, given the right to preach the burning conviction of my soul that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the world to save sinners.

You ask me why I love America?

The blood-marked sentry of George Washington's ragged Continentals at Valley Forge is my answer.

The report of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours," is my answer. The Texans' cry, "Remember the Alamo," is my answer.

Abe Lincoln's "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with justice in the right as God gives us to see the right" is my answer.

The bloody Meuse, Chateau Thierry, the Argonne, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is my answer.

The handful of Marines on Wake Island holding back the yellow horde is my answer.

Douglas MacArthur and his sweat-stained, blood-soaked heroes of the Philippines is my answer.

You ask me why I love America?

I am a Jew! I am a Christian! Let the deep, fathomless depths of gratitude out of the very innermost being of my life, on my knees, on my face, thanking God for Christ, for the Constitution, for the Declaration of Independence, answer you, shout to you, rejoice with you - "I LOVE AMERICA"

Something to "CROW" about!

- 1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 32 years.
- 2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 32 years—including the last two years of COVID.
- 3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 9th Annual "Old-Time Religion" Conference on June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2023.



MY BRAIN IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH FACIAL OR NAME RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY.







A woman just back from a weekend fishing trip with her husband was telling her troubles to a neighbor.

"I did everything all wrong," she said. "I talked too loud, I used the wrong bait, I reeled in too soon, and I caught more fish than him."

Twenty Seventh Annual Father & Son Turkey Shoot Winners

First Place



Bvron Cremeans Collingsworth

Bryson



Jarrod Collingsworth



David Oswald

Rubber Chicken



Michael Hagan Spencer

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



Dr. Jack Hyles

We are told to fight the good fight in *I Timothy 6:12*. The Apostle Paul said in *II Timothy* 4:7, "I have fought a good fight. In II Timothy 2:3, he says, "Endure hardness as a good soldier." In verse 4, he talks about no man that warreth entangleth himself. It sounds to me that we are supposed to fight. David listed his mighty men, and his mighty men were all fighters. One took a spear and killed eight hundred of the enemy. Another killed three hundred in battle. Another slew two lion-like men and one, the Bible says, hand clave to the sword. At least eight of the great heroes in Hebrews Chapter 11 were warriors. In verse 34, you will find the phrase, "waxed valiant in fight." In Judges, at least seven of the judges were famous for their warfare: Gideon and his three hundred, Shamgar and his oxgoad, Ehud and his battalion of seven hundred southpaw (left-handed)

men, Jephthah and the army that he commanded, Deborah and Barak in the famous war they fought; Othniel who the Bible says that, "the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, ...and he went out to war;" and Samson who slew one hundred Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. In Genesis, Abraham went to war to deliver Lot. In Exodus, the armies of Egypt were drowned in the Red Sea. In Deuteronomy 1:41, we read, "...we will go up and fight." The book of Joshua begins with the battle of Jericho. In Judges, as I already mentioned, at least seven of the judges were warriors and fighters. In I Samuel 4:9 it says, "...quit yourselves like men, and fight." I am a little tired of these "sissy britches" preachers criticizing men who obey the command of God. As the song says,

Rouse, then, soldiers, rally round the banner. Ready, steady, pass the word along; Onward, forward, shout aloud Hosanna! Christ is Captain of the mighty throng.

Authority



What is wrong with America is lawlessness. Lawlessness is another word for sin. Satan himself is the lawless one, and all rebellion against authorities that God has put over us is wicked, and it comes from wicked hearts.

What is wrong with the draft card burners? You say they are revolutionaries. But revolution in that sense is sinful and wicked.

You say about those who are engaged in these demonstrations and shooting of policemen and looting of stores and burning of cities, "They are underprivileged." That is not what is wrong. It is their wicked hearts going against God and against organized society.

We need in America a turning back to God, Rebellion is wicked. Rebellion in the home, rebellion against government, rebellion against society is wrong.

What does the Bible say about the home? Read Ephesians 5:21-24: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

Heritage Highlanders November 2022 Schedule



Saturday November 5
Soulwinning
Saturday November 12
Being Thankful

John 3:36
Psalms 100:4

Saturday November 19
Thank You Cards
Saturday November 27
Thankful Craft

<u> I Thess. 5:18</u>

ber 27 <u>Psalms 26:7</u>

Facebook's Founders

Mark Zuckerberg

One of Facebook's co-founders was computer programmer, Mark Elliot Zuckerberg, born in 1984. Mark was a student of Harvard University who dropped out in his sophomore year. His net worth as of July, 2015, was estimated at \$38.6 billion. He now serves as Facebook's chairman and CEO.

Zuckerberg, along with four roommates, created Facebook in his Harvard dorm rooms. They soon introduced Facebook to campuses across the country, and through its success, Facebook made Zuckerberg a billionaire in 2007 at the age of 23. Forbes magazine, in its 2010 rating of the U.S.'s 400 richest people, listed him as #11 at \$34 billion, and billed him as the youngest billionaire.

Though Zuckerberg was raised Jewish, he later became an atheist. While Facebook abounds in many countries, including Russia, interestingly it is banned in China.

Zuckerberg and Facebook employees have, for several years, participated in the annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Celebration.

Zuckerberg is also anti-American in that he lobbies for amnesty of illegal aliens, while denying immigration protection of American workers. He criticizes the government for not having "open borders."

Steve Hughes

Mr. Hughes, a Harvard graduate, has a net worth of \$850 million.

While his friend Zuckerberg upholds the rights of gays, Hughes is one. In 2012, he gay 'married' Sean Eldridge. As might be expected, these two are Democrats.

Hughes was an organizer for President Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. He ran Obama's Facebook page which generated \$500 million for Obama's campaign.

Steves 'wife' is an environmentalist and an advocate for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) equality. (Are we surprised?)

Question: Are you making these people wealthy?

Lest We Forget



Master Sgt. James Hendrix

A Florida man attending a storage unit auction discovered a box of items belonging to the late Army Master Sgt. James Hendrix, who received the Medal of Honor from President Harry Truman in 1945 for his actions during the Battle of the Bulge.

Besides photos, the box also contained news clippings detailing Hendrix's actions on Dec. 26, 1944. One reported that Hendrix "knocked out a German 99, two machine gun nests, captured 13 German prisoners, and rescued one soldier from a burning half-track and two from a blazing tank while under heavy machine gun fire."

"I don't think there was a dry eye in the group."

This is why we always include a true story of our soldiers. Too many have been forgotten.



Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silol

60 Minutes Slammed for Airing Detransitioners Who Regret Transgender Medicalization

A CBS 60 Minutes segment highlighting the suffering of individuals harmed by transgender medicalization has raised the ire of LGBT activists and has others believing a shift in the debate over transgenderism is near.

In its coverage...the Sunday broadcast featured an approximately seven-minute portion featuring detransitioners.

Detransitioners are those who once identified as transgender but now regret their decisions to transition and have begun reintegrating with their biological sex.

The segment featured veteran television journalist Lesley Stahl interviewing several young people who had undergone medicalized gender transition procedures. All of them said they were rushed into a decision and affirmed their transgender identities too hastily.

—christianpost.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: The liberals don't like it when their point of view if challenged or debated.

Vice President Tells Pastors They Should Promote Killing Babies in Abortions

Kamala Harris urged Baptist pastors to fight for "light" over darkness...while at the same time advocating for the killing of unborn babies in abortions.

The Houston Chronicle reports Harris mentioned abortion during her speech to the National Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, which about 2,000 pastors and church leaders attended...

She attempted to portray her pro-abortion beliefs as Christian by bringing up how she went to church as a child and studied the Bible. She also implied that killing unborn babies in abortions is moral when she challenged the Baptist pastors to fight for the light over darkness.

—lifenews.com

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

AN FBI AGENT INTERVIEWED A BANK
TELLER AFTER THE BANK HAD BEEN
ROBBED THREE TIMES BY THE SAME MAN.
"DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING SPECIAL
ABOUT HIM?" THE AGENT ASKED.
"YES," THE TELLER REPLIED. "HE WAS A
LITTLE BETTER DRESSED EACH TIME."



WE JUST GOT A FAX AT WORK. WE DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD A FAX MACHINE. THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT JUST STARED AT IT. I POKED IT WITH A STICK.

"FACEBOOK JUST SOUNDS LIKE A DRAG. IN MY DAY, SEEING PICTURES OF PEOPLE'S VACATIONS WAS CONSIDERED A PUNISHMENT." - BETTY WHITE

SIGN OF THE TIMES: I SAW AN OLD MAN HELP A TEENAGER, WHO WAS STARING AT HIS PHONE. CROSS THE STREET.





TELL US ABOUT THE FRENZY FOR TWO."



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Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. *Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23*

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Matt.* 28:19-20
We believe in the deity of Christ—His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily

resurrection, His exaltation at God"s right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillenial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4. I Timothy 3:16. Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. *John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15*

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. *John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22*

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of ALL Believers
- Two ordinances Baptism & Communion
- I mmersed Church Membership
- S oul-liberty
- Two officers Pastors and Deacons
- S eparation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- John Clarke (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim"s Progress*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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