

God's healing and salvation is for all people? Think about these questions and write your thoughts here.

Thursday, January 22

Pastor Jack shared four "take aways" from an article he wrote in 2022. The first two are 1) living a life of thankfulness increases your gratitude vocabulary and 2) you begin to look for, see and name all for which you are thankful. How many ways can you express your thankfulness? Are there actions that could increase the scope of your thankfulness? Can you think of more words and ways to express gratitude? The second take away returns us to the tasks of looking for and naming our blessings. How is your list shaping up? Look again at our original list and see if you can add any more blessings. Write your thoughts here.

Friday, January 23

The third and fourth take away from Pastor Jack's article are 3) it enhances our prayer life and 4) you begin to recognize the thankfulness of others. If the paint brush of the attitude of gratitude colors every situation, then these two take aways make sense. Your life becomes more steeped in prayerful thanksgiving and you can see thankfulness in others. The world begins to look different to you and therefore the world changes; gratitude is contagious! What do you think? Write your reflections here and begin to let gratitude color your world!

Message Notes January 18, 2026

Attitude is Your Paint Brush

***The Attitude of Gratitude* ***

- I. Jim Carry summed up the *Bruce Almighty* movie as "It's all about not _____ your _____, a problem that is a common thing for a lot of people."
 - A. _____ your blessings. _____ to be grateful. _____ how rich you truly are.
 - B. From Luke's Gospel, I want you to recognize how important the word "_____" is when connected to our attitude of _____.
 1. Clearly the _____ saw Jesus and they approach him.
 2. The first time the word see is used in the scripture as _____ sees them and feels a desire to be _____.
 - C. Something is going on here, something wonderful with the _____ of God.
 1. But only _____ gives thanks. _____ out of ten. "Were not ten made clean?" asks Jesus.
 2. _____ and thanksgiving move us _____ the standard, the acceptable, the ordinary.
 3. It seems that the paint brush of _____ really does color every _____!
- II. The biggest _____ is that the thankful Leper No. 10 is revealed to be a _____!
 - A. The Samaritan is not a _____ member of the _____ at all.
 - B. "Your _____ has made you well," says Jesus to Leper No. 10. Jesus gives him a fist bump and a

high five for the _____ that returned to give _____.

C. It's a grateful faith — not a gimme faith — that _____ us.

III. Four take aways from Pastor Jack's _____ of living _____.

- A. First, living a life of thankfulness increases your "gratitude _____."
- B. The second take away is you begin to _____ for, _____ and _____ all for which you are thankful.
- C. Third, it _____ my _____ as thanksgiving became more prominent in my daily devotions and prayer.
- D. Fourth and finally, I began to recognize the gratitude of _____.

IV. A Barna Research poll about twenty years ago revealed that despite international tensions and domestic economic problems, _____ out of _____ Americans are happy with their lives and say that their _____ has a lot to do with it.

- A. We may feel good about our lives, but we don't always _____ where _____ is due.
- B. If we can remember to _____ our blessing, _____ them and be grateful, we'll find ourselves even healthier in _____, _____ and _____.
- C. Thank _____ for the paint brush of the attitude of gratitude!

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, January 19

There is a song, *Count Your Blessings*, that has been recorded many times by different artists since it was written in 1897! It is included on a recording as recent as 2020. Do you count your

blessings? First, do you see your blessings? Meditate on those questions for a few minutes; it truly is an issue if you can actually see your blessings. You have to open your eyes and then count them. Takek some time to day to actually, like a grocery list, name your blessings. See how many you can name! Write your list and any observations about your list here.

Tuesday, January 20

Read Luke 17:11-19. Pay careful attention to how many times the vision of the people in the scriptures is mentioned. You may even catch that the vision of the priests is mentioned as the lepers are instructed by Jesus to show themselves to the priests. Is it easy for you to see your blessings? Do you have a difficult time accepting compliments from others? Do you accept with gratitude when people recognize your blessings? Look over your list from yesterday? Can you add any more? Could your family and friends add to your list? Contemplate these questions and write your reflections here.

Wednesday, January 21

Once again, read Luke 17:11-19. This Biblical narrative makes mentioned that the one thankful leper is a Samaritan. It might be difficult for our modern times to realize how shocking that fact may have been to those who witness this event. Information was shared about how despised the Samaritans were by the Jews. What significance do you believe this adds to the narrative? What significance is there that "this foreigner" was the only thankful one of the ten who were healed? Could it be that this means that