

# **Growing in Gratitude**

**November Sermon Series**

## **Habits of Ungrateful People**

**Lesson Five**

**“Gratitude is a conviction, a practice, and a discipline.”**

**Proverbs 29:11 (ESV), A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.**

**A fool utters all his  
mind. But a wise man  
keeps it in till  
afterwards.**

**Romans 1:21 “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”**

**Foolish people are ungrateful  
people.**

# **Seven Habits of Ungrateful People**

**1. Ungrateful People Are  
Disconnected From God.**

**Jeremiah 29:12-13, “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”**

**James 4:8 (ESV), “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”**

**Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV), The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.**

**2. Ungrateful People Are  
Surrounded By Excessive  
Noise.**

**Noise hinders our ability to hear God.  
This noise pollution will ultimately  
cloud our hearts and cause us to be  
ungrateful.**

**Psalm 131:1-2, My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.**

**It is in the quiet moments that God  
trains the heart to be thankful.**

**James 3:18, "Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace"**

# **3. Ungrateful People Overindulge In Media.**

**Psalm 115:4-8, But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.**

**“Good gifts of the world can be avenues of knowing God better, enjoying Him more, and being a greater blessing to other people.”**

# **4. Ungrateful People Feel Entitled.**

**“Gratitude expands joy,  
entitlement shrinks it.”**

**Philippians 2;3-8, Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,**

**who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”**

# **Three Ways To Fight Entitlement:**

- Diagnose Your Heart**
- Remember Your God**
- Imitate Your Savior**

# **5. Ungrateful People Predict The Worst.**

**“Most of our suffering happens in our minds, not in reality. If you fear the worst and then it happens, you suffer twice.”**

**Romans 12:2, And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

**You must be shaped by the Word...  
NOT by the world.**

**6. Ungrateful People  
Suffer From Continuous  
Deficiency Syndrome.**

**Philippians 4:11-12, Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**

**“To be content does not mean that you do not desire more, it means you are thankful for what you have and patient for what is to come.”**

**7. Ungrateful People Rush To  
Get The First Piece Of The Pie.**

**‘We are always getting ready  
to live but never living.’**

**“Take time for all things, great haste makes great waste”.**