

Stopped To Return

Here I am. I have also returned to give thanks to you. I know that I am a little late. It's better to be late, even if it's really late, than to never return to give thanks to you at all, isn't it? **Yes, it is. Why are you stopping to give thanks to me now? Haven't you had plenty of reasons to give thanks to me before in the past?** Yes, I have had an abundance of reasons to give thanks to you. I'm not positive why I haven't taken the time to give thanks to you. **Can you think of some good guesses?** Yes, I can. **Let me hear them.**

My life has been really busy. That's not an excuse. It's just a fact. Maybe I should have said that I've let my life get too busy. **That's sounds better.** The busyness of my life has kept me from taking time to consider how you have blessed my life. I always seem to be racing from one thing to the next. I'm sure that I haven't noticed or recognized many of the ways that you have blessed my life. **That's for sure.** I know that it is time to come to a complete stop to sit down with you. **I'd like that.** Me too. Here I am. I'm stopped and sitting down right here, right now. **Yes, I can see that. What would you like to say to me?** I'm sorry that I have failed to give thanks to you for all that you have done for me. I ask for your forgiveness. **You know that you are forgiven.** Yes, I do. I really want to take time to consider all that you have done, are doing and will do for me so that I can give you the all thanks that you deserve. **That will be great.**

There is something that you want me to do for you isn't there? Yes Lord, there is. **Tell me what you want.** I want you to help me to be a thankful person. It is my desire to have my heart overflow in thankfulness to you. I don't want to race right on by your blessings. I don't want to let what you have done for me go unnoticed. I don't want to be ungrateful and always wanting more. I want to be content and thankful for all that you have given and will give to me. I know that you have already given more to me than I could have ever hoped for or even imagined. **Yes, I have. Do you believe that I will answer this prayer that is in your heart? Do you have faith that I will help your heart to overflow in thankfulness to me?** Yes Lord, I am sure that you will hear and answer this prayer for me. **Why is that?** You placed my desire to give thanks to you in my heart. **Yes, I did and I am glad that you know that. I have heard and will answer your prayer.** I'm sure that you have already begun. **Yes, I have.**

Lord, I would like you to help me to be a thankful person. I know that I have raced right on by your blessings. Help me to come to a complete stop so that I will draw near to you to give you thanks for how you have blessed my life. Amen

Gratitude *Found To Return*
Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
NIV Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Found To Return*
Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
ESV Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *No One Returned*
Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"
NLT Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Who Returned*
So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"
NKJV Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Found To Return*
Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
NRSV Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *To Come Back*
Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?"
MSG Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Found To Return*
Then Jesus asked, Were not [all] ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was there no one found to return and to recognize and give thanks and praise to God except this alien?
AMP Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Return To*
Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the nine? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?"
TLB Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Found Who Returned*
Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"
NASB Luke 17:17-18

Gratitude *Came Back*
Jesus said, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Is this Samaritan the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go on your way. You were healed because you believed."
NCV Luke 17:17-18

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Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Gratitude – Luke 17:17-18

In Context: *Read Luke 17*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been so busy that you haven't had time to consider how God has blessed your life?

When have you come to a complete stop and turned to give thanks to the Lord?

How will continually wanting more leave you discontent and ungrateful for what God has given to you?

What are some gifts, talents and abilities that you are thankful that God has given to you?

How will comparing yourself to others cause you to be envious instead of grateful?

When has being thankful and expressing gratitude to the Lord brought you great joy?

What would you like to give thanks to the Lord for right now?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Give thanks to the Lord for what He has done, is doing and will do in your life.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord delights to hear you give thanks to Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group when you have stopped to give thanks to the Lord for His blessings.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you stop and turn to the Lord to give thanks to Him for all the ways He has blessed your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to stop to give thanks to you for all the ways you have blessed my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, I will stop to give thanks to you for all the ways you have blessed my life.
