

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Wisdom 9: 13-19      Philemon 9-10, 12-17      Luke 14: 25-33

### HOMILY

NB: It is said that **of all the terrible sins** that we commit: pride // covetousness // lust // anger // gluttony // envy and sloth — the worst sin is **“ingratitude.”**

- It is the concern of Jesus this weekend

I just would like us to focus on the one person that can release us from the bondage of **“ingratitude”** and this person is the Samaritan.

***“He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.”***

One lesson we can draw from his is that...

- a) **He took notice of his blessing.**

***“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back.***

Noticing blessings of our life is not something that we all have. It is something we need to pray for.

This Samaritan man did not just coming back but he ***“praised God in a loud voice”*** which brings us to the second lesson we get from this man:

- b) **He proclaimed His praise to God publicly.**

He praised God in a loud voice. He was shouting it out!

- “Look what Jesus did for me!
- I’m clean!
- I can go back to my family!
- I can ride the camel taxi to work.
- I can actually go back to work!
- I can use a public bathroom again!
- Look! I can go home and embrace my family for the first time since this curse came on me!”

### Q: Are we afraid to publicly acknowledge our debt to God?

It is not necessarily a matter of jumping-up-and-down or anything like that, but we need to get in the habit of publicly thanking God for His blessings.

NB: When we deliberately thank God publicly, our love for Him grows deeper, and our appreciation for Him expands.

- ❖ To quote a famous commercial from way back, ***“Try it, you’ll like it.”***

The third lesson we learn from all this is that the Thankful Samaritan,

- c) **Throw aside barriers to his thanksgiving.**

- He wasn’t worried about whether it was politically correct to thank God publicly.
- He didn’t worry about what others would think.

### Q: What are some of the barriers we face when it comes to giving thanks?

- For most of it is the **Fear of embarrassing ourselves** in front of others.
- We are afraid that others **will look down on us** if we acknowledge what God has done for us.
- We can’t let **“what others might think”** get in the way.
- We should not let other people’s opinions stand in the way of thanking God.

### CONCLUSION

- ❖ Be the **“one.”**
- ❖ Don’t be **one of the other nine.**
- ❖ Be the one who comes to Jesus, thanking Him for everything.
- ❖ Make it a habit. Start the day thanking God for another day to live for Him.

Don’t let Jesus ask of you, ***“Where are the other nine?”***