



“Best Out of Ten”

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President Washington proclaimed Nov 26, 1789, a day to acknowledge “with grateful hearts the many single favors of almighty God.” In 1863, Abraham Lincoln mandated that a day be set aside for a national holiday of

Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November. The U.S. Congress on October 6, 1941, finally fixed the date for the holiday. It took some time to be a grateful nation!

First part of the account

I. Reasonableness for thanksgiving Luke 17:11-14

Because of...

A. Desperate condition (11-12)

B. Dramatic appeal (13)

C. Divine cleansing (14)

Second part of the account

II. Response displayed thanksgiving Luke 17:15-16

A. Blessing is _____ (15)

B. Blessing’s source was _____ (15)

C. Blessing was _____ (15-16)

D. Blessing was not _____ (16)

Third part of the account

III. Reaction of Jesus to the thanksgiving Luke 17:17-19

A. Jesus noticed those lacking gratitude (17)

B. Jesus noted that gratitude brings glory to God (18)

C. Jesus was pleased with the one that expressed it (19)

FURTHER REFLECTION OR ACTION

1. What do you think about this quote from Henry Ward Beecher, “Pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grows. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.”
2. Charles Dickens once told an audience that Americans are somewhat mixed up. Instead of having one Thanksgiving Day each year they should have 364. “Use one day just for complaining and griping,” adding, “use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the many blessings He showered upon you.” What could you do to intentionally express thanks to God on a daily basis?
3. Which of the characters in the parable we studied best reflects your attitude of thanksgiving? When are you most thankful? When do you find thanksgiving most difficult?
4. With Thanksgiving Day coming upon us, how might you inject the “spirit of thanksgiving” into your day and make it more than a day of food and football?