INASMUCH AS MANY HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO COMPILE A NARRATIVE OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AMONG US, ²JUST AS THOSE WHO FROM THE BEGINNING WERE EYEWITNESSES AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD HAVE DELIVERED THEM TO US, ³IT SEEMED GOOD TO ME ALSO, HAVING FOLLOWED ALL THINGS CLOSELY FOR SOME TIME PAST, TO WRITE AN ORDERLY ACCOUNT FOR YOU, MOST EXCELLENT THEOPHILUS, ⁴THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY CONCERNING THE THINGS YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT. —LUKE 1:1-4

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I'ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM HE WAS
PASSING ALONG BETWEEN SAMARIA AND GALILEE.

I'2AND AS HE ENTERED A VILLAGE, HE WAS MET
BY TEN LEPERS, WHO STOOD AT A DISTANCE

I'3AND LIFTED UP THEIR VOICES, SAYING,

"JESUS, MASTER, HAVE MERCY ON US."

I'4WHEN HE SAW THEM HE SAID TO THEM,

"GO AND SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS."

AND AS THEY WENT THEY WERE CLEANSED.

15THEN ONE OF THEM, WHEN HE SAW THAT HE
WAS HEALED, TURNED BACK, PRAISING GOD WITH
A LOUD VOICE; 16AND HE FELL ON HIS FACE AT
JESUS' FEET, GIVING HIM THANKS. NOW HE WAS
A SAMARITAN. 17THEN JESUS ANSWERED,
"WERE NOT TEN CLEANSED? WHERE ARE THE NINE?
18WAS NO ONE FOUND TO RETURN AND GIVE PRAISE
TO GOD EXCEPT THIS FOREIGNER?" 19AND HE SAID
TO HIM, "RISE AND GO YOUR WAY; YOUR FAITH
HAS MADE YOU WELL."—LUKE 17:11-19

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I. HEAR A CRY OF DESPERATION

(LUKE 17:11-13)

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AND HE ANSWERED THEM,

"GO AND TELL JOHN

WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN

AND HEARD: THE BLIND

RECEIVE THEIR SIGHT,

THE LAME WALK,

LEPERS ARE CLEANSED,

AND THE DEAF HEAR,

THE DEAD ARE RAISED UP,

THE POOR HAVE

GOOD NEWS PREACHED TO THEM." —LUKE 7:22

2 KINGS 5:9-11—NAAMAN

THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING,

2"THIS SHALL BE THE LAW OF THE LEPROUS PERSON
FOR THE DAY OF HIS CLEANSING. HE SHALL
BE BROUGHT TO THE PRIEST, 3AND THE PRIEST
SHALL GO OUT OF THE CAMP, AND THE PRIEST
SHALL LOOK. THEN, IF THE CASE OF LEPROUS
DISEASE IS HEALED IN THE LEPROUS PERSON,

4THE PRIEST SHALL COMMAND THEM TO TAKE
FOR HIM WHO IS TO BE CLEANSED...

-LEVITICUS 14:1-4a

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2. OBSERVE A HEART OF GRATITUDE

(LUKE 17:15-16)

"WHAT DOES THE LORD EXPECT OF US WHEN WE SEE AND SHARE HIS MERCY? ONLY ONE THING:

GRATITUDE!"

THROUGH HIM THEN
LET US CONTINUALLY
OFFER UP A SACRIFICE
OF PRAISE TO GOD,
THAT IS, THE FRUIT OF LIPS
THAT ACKNOWLEDGE
HIS NAME.—HEBREWS 13:15

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18FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN
AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN,
WHO BY THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS SUPPRESS THE TRUTH.
19FOR WHAT CAN BE KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS PLAIN TO THEM,
BECAUSE GOD HAS SHOWN IT TO THEM. 20FOR HIS
INVISIBLE ATTRIBUTES, NAMELY, HIS ETERNAL POWER AND
DIVINE NATURE, HAVE BEEN CLEARLY PERCEIVED, EVER SINCE
THE CREATION OF THE WORLD, IN THE THINGS THAT
HAVE BEEN MADE. SO THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE.
21FOR ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY DID NOT
HONOR HIM AS GOD OR GIVE THANKS TO HIM,
BUT THEY BECAME FUTILE IN THEIR THINKING, AND
THEIR FOOLISH HEARTS WERE DARKENED. —ROMANS 1:18-21

FOR PEOPLE WILL BE LOVERS OF SELF, LOVERS OF MONEY, PROUD, ARROGANT, ABUSIVE, DISOBEDIENT TO THEIR PARENTS, UNGRATEFUL, UNHOLY. —2 TIMOTHY 3:2

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3. CULTIVATE A LIFE OF THANKFULNESS

 $How \ to \ cultivate \ a \ heart \ of \ gratitude:$

TAKE NOTICE DAILY

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THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

-PSALM 118:24

How to cultivate a heart of gratitude:

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

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How to cultivate a heart of gratitude:

• SAY "THANK YOU"

How to cultivate a heart of gratitude:

MAKE GRATITUDE A HABIT NOT A FEELING

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How to cultivate a heart of gratitude:

APPRECIATE HARDSHIP

GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

—I THESSALONIANS 5:18

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GOD RESISTS THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

—I PETER 5:5b

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"THE PILGRIMS CHOSE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT THEY HAD,
RATHER THAN FOCUS ON WHAT THEY LOST.
THEY HAD TO LOOK FOR BLESSINGS, ACTIVELY AND
DELIBERATELY. THEIR THANKSGIVING WAS NOT BASED
ON PLEASANT CIRCUMSTANCES BUT RATHER AN
UNDERSTANDING THAT GOD WAS TO BE THANKED
IN PROSPERITY AND ADVERSITY... THAT GOD WAS GUIDING
ALL THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN WHEN LIFE WAS DIFFICULT.
VIEWING THEIR LIVES THROUGH THE LENS OF GRATITUDE
CHANGED THEIR PERSPECTIVE... I HAVE FOUND VIEWING
MY LIFE THROUGH A LENS OF GRATITUDE CAN CHANGE
EVERYTHING." —VANEETHA RENDALL RISNER

- SEPTEMBER 16, 1620, THE MAYFLOWER DEPARTED ENGLAND FOR VIRGINIA WITH 102 PASSENGERS ON BOARD.
- STORMY WEATHER AND NAVIGATIONAL ERRORS CAUSED THEM TO BE BLOWN 500 MILES OFF COURSE.
- THEY LANDED IN MASSACHUSETTS AROUND DECEMBER 21, 1620.
- THE PILGRIMS WERE UNPREPARED FOR THE DEPTH OF COLD AND FACED FREEZING TEMPS. SCARCITY OF FOOD, AND RAMPANT SICKNESS.
- THAT WINTER, ALL BUT 3 FAMILIES DUG GRAVES IN HARD NEW ENGLAND SOIL TO BURY HUSBAND, WIFE OR CHILD, REPRESENTING 1/2 OF THEIR GROUP.
- THROUGH IT ALL, THEY CHOSE TO FOLLOW THE MODEL OF THE ISRAELITES—FEAST OF TABERNACLES (SUKKOT)—TO "GIVE THANKS."
- THEY MADE TREATIES WITH INDIGENOUS GROUPS AND GATHERED FOR THE FIRST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATED OVER 3 DAYS IN NOVEMBER OF 1621.

'BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME! ²BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS. —PSALM 103:1-2

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