

CORE STRENGTH

WE TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED - Appreciation is Fuel for the Future

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- I. **Crossroads Core Values** - Building His culture in the Church
 - A. **We Want To Be With Him** - His Presence Means Everything
 - B. **We Do Life Together** - Relationships Make Us Stronger
 - C. **We Pull on the Leash** - Big Faith, Big Risks, Big God!
 - D. **We Live Generously** - Freely we receive, freely we give.
 - E. **We Bring Our "A" Game** - Excellence Reflects God

- II. **We Take Nothing For Granted - Appreciation is fuel for the future**
 - A. **Appreciate** - to grasp or be aware of the worth, quality, or significance of: to value or admire highly

- III. **Luke 17:11-19**
 - A. **V12 - Leprosy represents sin**
 1. Unclean - Sin = Unclean in God's eyes
 2. Numbs the skin - Sin numbs our senses to Voice of God
 3. Leads to death - Sin causes us to make poor decisions that lead to death
 4. Isolates - Stood afar off - Separated them - Outside the camp
 - B. **V13 - What do you do when you are afar off?**
 1. CRY OUT TO JESUS!
 - a) **Master** - recognizing who He was; identified by faith that He was more than a normal man
 - b) **Have mercy on us** - They were acknowledging that He could actually do something about their condition - released faith!
 - C. **V14 - When Jesus saw them, He said to them**
 1. **He SAW them** - Got His attention

- a) **Ps 34:15** 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry
- 2. **He SAID to them** - Gave them direction
 - a) **“Go show yourselves to the priest?”**
 - (1) A leper had to be pronounced clean by the priest. He had to get his permission before he could enter the camp again.
- 3. **So it was** - *ginomai* - to become, to come into existence, be formed
- 4. **“As” they went** - *hupago* - to move away from somewhere
- 5. **Cleansed** - *katharine* - To heal and purify from contamination and make acceptable.

D. **V15 - When “he” saw he was healed**

- 1. **Saw** - *eido* - To have seen or perceived; to know, fullness of knowledge
- 2. **Healed** - *iaomai* - To cure; To cause something to change to an earlier, correct, or appropriate state - to renew, to become well again after being sick

IV. **3 Key Steps to Taking Nothing For Granted - Showing Appreciation**

- 1. **Return - Go Back**
 - a) **Return** - *hupostrepho* - To turn around and return back to a previous place.
- 2. **Glorified God - Say something**
 - a) **Loud voice** - *mega* - Large quantity, big, great, excessive
 - b) If you think good, say good
- 3. **Give Him Thanks - Humility**
 - a) Worship is reserved for ONE!
 - b) Give credit where it is truly due