

PREVIEW

What can we learn from Jehovah, Jesus, and a Samaritan leper about showing appreciation? This article will consider those examples and more. We will discuss why it is so important to express gratitude and review some specific ways that we can do it.

(Colossians 3:15) Also, let the peace of the Christ rule in your hearts, for you were called to that peace in one body. And show yourselves thankful.

EXPRESSION EXPLAINED: To appreciate someone or something means to recognize the value of that person or that thing. The word can refer to feelings of heartfelt gratitude.

 Paragraph 1

(Luke 17:12-19) And as he was entering a village, ten men with leprosy met him, but they stood at a distance. 13 And they raised their voices and said: “Jesus, Instructor, have mercy on us!” 14 When he saw them, he said to them: “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” Then as they were going off, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. 16 And he fell facedown at Jesus’ feet, thanking him. Furthermore, he was a Sa-mar’i-tan. 17 In reply Jesus said: “All ten were cleansed, were they not? Where, then, are the other nine? 18 Did no one else turn back to give glory to God except this man of another nation?” 19 Then he said to him: “Get up and be on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Paragraph 4

(2 Samuel 22:21) Jehovah rewards me according to my righteousness; He repays me according to the innocence of my hands.

(Psalm 13:6) I will sing to Jehovah, for he has richly rewarded me.

(Matthew 10:40, 41) “Whoever receives you receives me also, and whoever receives me receives also the One who sent me. 41 Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will get a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will get a righteous man’s reward.

(Ephesians 5:1) Therefore, become imitators of God, as beloved children,

Paragraph 6

(Proverbs 25:11) Like apples of gold in silver carvings Is a word spoken at the right time.

Paragraph 7

(Psalm 27:4) One thing I have asked from Jehovah —It is what I will look for— That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life, To gaze upon the pleasantness of Jehovah And to look with appreciation upon his temple.

(Psalm 75:1) We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks to you; Your name is near, And people declare your wondrous works.

Paragraph 8

(Romans 16:1-15) I am introducing to you Phoe'be, our sister, who is a minister of the congregation that is in Cen'chre-ae, 2 so that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the holy ones and give her whatever help she may need, for she herself also proved to be a defender of many, including me. 3 Give my greetings to Pris'ca and Aq'ui-la, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who have risked their own necks for me and to whom not only I but also all the congregations of the nations give thanks. 5 Also greet the congregation that is in their house. Greet my beloved E-pae'ne-tus, who is a firstfruits of Asia for Christ. 6 Greet

Mary, who has worked hard for you. 7 Greet An-dron'i-cus and Ju'ni-as, my relatives and fellow prisoners, who are men well-known to the apostles and who have been in union with Christ longer than I have. 8 Give my greetings to Am-pli-a'tus, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Ur-ba'nus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Sta'chys. 10 Greet A-pel'les, the approved one in Christ. Greet those from the household of A-ris-tob'u-lus. 11 Greet He-ro'di-on, my relative. Greet those from the household of Nar-cis'sus who are in the Lord. 12 Greet Try-phae'na and Try-pho'sa, women who are working hard in the Lord. Greet Per'sis, our beloved one, for she has worked hard in the Lord. 13 Greet Ru'fus, the chosen one in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 Greet A-syn'cri-tus, Phle'gon, Her'mes, Pat'ro-bas, Her'mas, and the brothers with them. 15 Greet Phi-lol'o-gus and Julia, Ne'reus and his sister, and O-lym'pas, and all the holy ones with them.

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Paragraph 10

(Revelation 2:19) 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and ministry and endurance, and that your deeds of late are more than those you did at first.

(Revelation 2:25-28) Just the same, hold fast to what you have until I come. 26 And to the one who conquers and observes my deeds down to the end, I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will shepherd the people with an iron rod so that they will be broken to pieces like clay vessels, just as I have received from my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star.

Paragraph 11

(Hebrews 12:16) and watch that among you there is no one who is sexually immoral nor anyone who does not appreciate sacred things, like E'sau, who gave up his rights as firstborn in exchange for one meal.

(Genesis 25:30-34) So E'sau said to Jacob: "Quick, please, give me some of the red stew that you have there, for I am exhausted!" That is why his name was E'dom. 31 To this Jacob said: "First sell me your right as firstborn!" 32 And E'sau continued: "Here I am about to die! What use is a birthright to me?" 33 And Jacob added: "Swear to me first!" So he swore to him and sold his right as firstborn to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave E'sau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and he got up and went away. Thus E'sau despised the birthright.

