THANKSGIVING 2014:  
TAKE IT UP A NOTCH  
Luke 17:11-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:18,  
Psalm 103

“Gratitude is the greatest of virtues and the parent of all others”  
Cicero

“Most people return small favors, acknowledge medium ones and repay greater ones with ingratitude.”  
Ben Franklin

The attitude of gratitude can be both

* A **THERMOMETER**
* A **THERMOSTAT**

LUKE 17:11-19

INGRATITUDE AND THANKLESSNESS HAVE A COST

“Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?’ …Then Jesus said to him, ‘Rise and go. Your faith has made you well.’”  
Luke 17:17,19

1. Thanklessness may be the greatest sin of **OMISSION**
2. It may be the characteristic of a society with **ABUNDANCE**
3. It may be a sign of **PRACTICAL ATHEISM**

GRATITUDE AND THANKFULNESS HAVE THEIR REWARDS

1. It is a part of Jesus’ life and ministry
   * Before he fed the 5,000…He gave thanks
   * Before he raised Lazarus…He gave thanks
   * Breaking the Bread…He gave thanks
2. It is a part of a **DISCIPLE’S** life
   “It is good to give thanks to the Lord…”  
   Psalm 92:1
3. It is a part of a **PRAYER** life
   1 Thessalonians 5:16-19
4. It is part of living a **WHOLE AND WELL** life
   “Your faith has made you well” Luke 17:19

Psalm 103

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When giving thanks…

1. Be **SPECIFIC**

Psalm 103

- **PHYSICAL** Blessings
- **SPIRITUAL** Blessings

2. Be **EXPRESSIONS**

- **SAY IT**
- **SING IT**
- **SHOW IT**

3. Be **CREATIVE**

Gary Chapman THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

- **WORDS**
- **TIME**
- **GIFTS**
- **SERVICE**
- **TOUCH**

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit’s fire.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19