



Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

November 2016 Ministry Letter

Each day I am thankful for all that God has done in our life taking what the devil meant for my destruction and turning it around making my life wonderful and exciting. I would have never thought in a million years that our life would turn out like it has and we are so grateful and give God all the glory.

As most of you know we live in our motor home full time seeing the country and ministering to people everywhere. It is exciting looking out our front door and seeing a different landscape every few days meeting and ministering to new people all the time.

We received calls and emails telling us how the newsletter has impacted your lives and how excited you are to share with us and encourage us in what we are doing. even through our newsletter. Thank you all so much we all need Encouragement Now!

Happy Thanksgiving! Everyone this is a day to be thankful and in our history it is of course that. The pilgrims gave thanks to God for their survival in the new land so we have a holiday and call it Thanksgiving! Thus a great nation was created.

What do you think would have happened had there been no Thanksgiving? Does God honor our thankfulness?

God certainly honored the pilgrims and God was instrumental in the creation of the United States, yes I believe God honored their thanksgiving.

What about today does God honor our thanksgiving? Are we truly thankful? I am not talking about what has now become turkey day but being truly thankful for all God has done for us every day. Churches take time every month to have communion and remember what Jesus has done for us by taking the cross. We eat the bread and drink the juice or wine and remember on that day what He has done and we try to do it reverently, with much piety and giving honor but do we really give thanks to God everyday not just on special days?

God does more for us in a day in things we don't see or even realize He has done. Every breath we take is God given, every move we make is God given.

Luke 17:11-19 tells the story of 10 lepers that came to Jesus to be healed. They were not suppose to even be close to other people because of the law. 10 people who were hurting, sick and certainly going to die. 10 people who had no hope except what they heard about this man name Jesus who was going about healing people. What did they have to loose? "Jesus, Master have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the

priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. For nine of them the story stopped there. They were cleansed of the problem and they went home to their families where I am sure there was

great rejoicing. Daddies home! But daddy stilled looked different, it was daddies voice but it didn't look like daddy anymore, the ravages of the disease took its toll. Daddy will never be the same. Every time he would look into a mirror he would see what had happened to him not able to forget. I am sure he was thankful he didn't have the disease any longer but he could not forget because the disfigurement of his body. There are hospitals today that have many who wished that God would



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take them home so they wouldn't have to live with the torment everyday looking into the mirror seeing what devastation has happened to them. Some are thankful to be alive but with the reactions of the family and friends sometimes they wished they weren't.

Then there was one. One man out of the 10 who didn't make it home as fast as the other 9, he was delayed by his own actions. He had a mission to accomplish that was far more important than anything he could imagine at the time. Sure he was excited to get home and see his family as any normal man would be. Sure he was thankful in his heart for what God had done for him, but that didn't seem quite enough for him. Jesus said "go show yourself to the priest." The priest was the only one that could declare him being clean and allow him back into society. But this one man noticed that while he was on his way to do just as Jesus said saw that he was healed. Being so thankful he decided to go back to the healer and thank him personally. Remember he was still disfigured just like the other 9, the ravages of the disease still shown throughout his body, he didn't look the same as he did before, he was healed but scared, It wasn't enough for this man just to be back with his family and society or just be grateful for his healing, he wanted to be grateful to the healer. Scripture tells us in verse 15 "One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting. "Praise God" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done.

When he went back to Jesus he didn't expect any thing more from Him, he was just so grateful he was shouting it from the roof tops and fell at Jesus' feet. I'm sure he was gushing with praise and excitement and I am sure there were people around saying, this is a little much, isn't he going overboard? When God delivers you from such a horrible life from sin or disease I think it is good to gush a little or even a lot for all the good things He has done for us.

Then Jesus does the unexpected, Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but

where are the nine? Where were the nine? at home grateful but not glorifying God. Thankful but leaving the healer out. Jesus goes on saying; "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise go your way. Your faith has made you well." (whole)

It is very interesting that Jesus changes from healing the man to telling him he could go, his faith has made him *WHOLE*. There has to be something different from being healed than to being made whole. The others were sent to the priest to be declared healed, Jesus told this man to go thy way, you are whole. No one had to declare him healed because there was no sign that he had ever been sick. Not only was the disease gone but all the ravages of the disease was gone. Anything that was destroyed in his body was made whole again. He could look everyday into the mirror and give glory to God for all he had done. His wife had her husband back and the children could hear daddies voice again look into his face and see what God has done all because he was thankful and gave glory to God. We need to have Thanksgiving every day for all He has done for us.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy every moment with your family and friends. Eat lots of turkey and be grateful for this wonderful country God has given us. But most of all we as a nation, people and family need to be made whole, complete in Christ, so lets not be thankful for all we have and who we are but let us be thankful to God who has blessed us, healed us and as we glorify Him we will be made whole. God Bless!

We want to thank each and every one of you for your love, support, encouragement, fellowship, gifts, prayers and love! We pray the Lord will prosper you above, and beyond anything you can desire or imagine.

*GOD BLESS YOU! WE LOVE YOU,
Reagan and Patti*

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