"There is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is why they are here! No one will bring them back from death to enjoy life in the future."

- Ecclesiastes 3:22

"(A Psalm of Thanksgiving) Shout with joy to the LORD, O earth!
Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with
joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.
For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his
faithfulness continues to each generation."

- Psalm 100

## MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- ☐ Memorize Philippians 2:14.
- □ Accept the "1 Week No Complaints Challenge."
- □ Use my Message Notes to apply the 5 Steps of Gratitude to my life this week.
- □ Join the "In the Beginning" class that meets on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Tune into our website or app to listen to previous messages at www.fccof.com/sermons-2.

Join us next Sunday as we conclude our teaching series "Tongue Pierced" with "Words That Last."



## THE ART OF GRATEFULNESS

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"As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' He looked at them and said, 'Go show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, their leprosy disappeared. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, 'Praise God, I'm healed!' He fell face down on the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?' And Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go. Your faith has made you well.'"

## **5 TRUTHS ABOUT GRATEFULNESS FROM LUKE 17:**

| • It's easy to  | _ during the good times. (v. | 17)            |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| • God blesses the a   | and the                      | alike. (v. 14) |
| <ul> <li>It matters to Jesus whether or not I</li> <li>18)</li> </ul> | say                          | (vv.17-        |
| Grateful words reflect  | (v. 19)                      |                |
| Grateful words lead to  |                              | (v. 19)        |

## 5 STEPS TO DEVELOPING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:

| . PRAISE  | 3. INCORPORATE  |
|---|---|
| "But as for me, I will sing about your power. I will shout with joy<br>each morning because of your unfailing love."<br>— Psalm 59:16 | "Pray without ceasing."<br>– 1 Thessalonians 5:17   |
| . REMOVE  | "Pray at all times and on every occasion in<br>the power of the Holy Spirit."<br>— Ephesians 6:18                                 |
| Memory Verse  "In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing."  — Philippians 2:14                                     | 4. SAY  |
|   | "One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus,<br>shouting, "Praise God, I'm healed!" He fell face down on the |

ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done."

- Luke 17:15-16