Always Appropriate

INTRO: GIVING THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD IS ALWAYS APPROPRIATE *(Psalm 100:1-5 NKJV)*

1. Acknowledging that He is God - and our Creator
2. A way we come into His presence
3. That He is good - and good to us

AN UNUSUAL DIRECTIVE *(Luke 17:11-19 NLT)*

- Jesus told the lepers to do something that was not rationally sensible
    1. The men asked for mercy; Jesus told them to go to the priests
    2. The priests were the only ones who could validate that a leper was clean
- As citizens of God's Kingdom, we are often directed to do things that are not always rationally sensible
    1. We don't operate at face value but spiritual value, Kingdom value
    2. To give before it's given to us ***(Isaiah 61:3 NKJV)***

SUPERNATURAL RESULTS

- As the ten lepers obeyed and acted on what Jesus said, they were healed
    1. They probably had to push past a conflict
    2. They didn't have to work faith up - didn't have to feel it
- Acting on God's Word still produces supernatural results
    1. Believe in Jesus and confess Him as Lord and Savior
    2. Refusing to worry and praying about what is causing anxiety ***(Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)***
    3. Obeying what the Holy Spirit whispers to your heart - causes supernatural results

ONE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

- Only one returned to give thanks to Jesus
    1. Acknowledging it was Jesus who healed Him
    2. He was not Jewish - no covenant relationship with God
    3. Jesus said it would have been appropriate for the others to return and give thanks
- It's always appropriate to be one of the ones who gives thanks to God
    1. We thank God for what He has done
    2. We thank God for what we believe is happening before we see it
    3. Giving thanks is a choice, not a feeling ***(Hebrews 13:15 NKJV)***