

IronWorks: **8 THINGS** Every Man Can Give

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Real men give thanks:

“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.” Luke 17:15-16

① **Noticing:** “...when he saw he was healed...” Luke 17:15

Gratitude is noticing that my need has been met.

Ingratitude demonstrates forgetfulness.

② **Intending:** “...he came back...” Luke 17:15

The courage of gratitude:

- Rare:
- Subjective:
- Humble:

Making gratitude intentional:

③ **Expressing:** “...praising God...and thanked him...” Luke 17:15-16

Gratitude completes our joy!

Gratitude reinforces goodness.

Receiving Thanks:

- Denial: Aw shucks, it’s nothing! (Translated: Your assessment is stupid.)
- Deflection: But, I could have done so much more. (Translated: It wasn’t perfect, so I’m not worthy of receiving gratitude.)
- Dismissal: The Lord deserves all the credit. (Translated: Your joy is stunted and unspiritual if you want to praise mere humans.)

You are welcome! It was my joy! I’m glad it made you happy! Tell me how it touched you.

Small Group Discussion Questions

- ① Each man name three simple, common things you are grateful for today.
- ② Name two people in your normal circle of relationships who need to know of your gratitude to them. How would it best be expressed?
- ③ Why does it seem difficult in some situations to express gratitude? (review pt. #2)