

THE ISSUE OF INGRATITUDE

INTRODUCTION

- Ingratitude is a significant spiritual issue and a _____.
- Romans 1:21:
 - Ingratitude has contributed to the willful, sinful _____ of the human race and our determined departure from God.
 - The results of ingratitude:
 - Vain imaginations = worthless, foolish, useless _____
 - _____ hearts = senseless to all that is good and of God
- Four common pathways to this sin the remedies for each:
- I. **INGRATITUDE RESULTS FROM _____** (PHILIP. 4:10-20).
 - If you are _____, greedy, or always thinking about how you want or deserve more for yourself, you will never be thankful.
 - _____ = a sure sign of ingratitude.
 - Example: Paul's grateful contentment in prison (Philip. 4:10-20).
 - Vs. 10-11, Paul's attitude in Roman captivity = he was greatly rejoicing and was _____.
 - The two possible approaches to material things are contentment or _____.
 - Vs. 12, "am instructed" = he had learned the _____.
 - Vs. 13, the secret = finding His complete sufficiency and contentment in _____, not in material things.
 - Remedies:
 - Practice Christ-sufficient _____ whether you are abounding or abased.
 - Practice the sacrificial _____ of the Philippians (2 Cor. 9:11).
- II. **INGRATITUDE RESULTS FROM A _____ EMPHASIS** (PHILIP. 4:4-8).
 - Meditating on what we _____ have or like instead of meditating on blessings.
 - We can never allow our focus on our problems to obscure the _____ of God.
 - Remedy: Maintain a God-glorifying, God-honoring mindset in troubles (Philip. 4:4-8). The right mindset:
 - Vs. 4, Always _____

- Vs. 5, Sweetly reasonable
- Vs. 7, Internally _____
- Vs. 8, Properly _____
- Vs. 6, "**Never** _____" but "**in everything** _____" (Eph. 5:20, Col. 3:15, 1 Thess. 5:18).

III. INGRATITUDE RESULTS FROM _____ (LUKE 17:11-18).

- Sometimes we just move on from our blessings and never take the _____ to say thanks to the Lord.
- Example: Nine out of ten _____ healed by the Lord Jesus (Luke 17:11-18).
- Remedy: Make it your priority to return to give thanks and praise to God, like the one leper did.

IV. INGRATITUDE RESULTS FROM AN _____ FOCUS (HEB. 13:12-15).

- Meditating on earthly problems rather than on _____ blessings.
- Text: Hebrews 13:11-15
 - Vs. 11, the beasts burned outside the camp of Israel were bulls offered for the _____ of whole congregation.
 - Vs. 12, the Lord Jesus was the _____ of this type.
 - Vs. 13, as the Lord Jesus was willing to be despised and rejected and separated from this present, sinful world, we are to separate ourselves as well and take His _____ upon ourselves.
 - Vs. 14, This world = not our home. Our home is the New _____, eternal in the heavens!
 - Vs. 15, "therefore" = because of all these things, continually give _____!
 - In context, for the city that is to come and our spiritual blessings in Christ.

CONCLUSION

- Although we live in a world plagued by ingratitude, let's not let it rub off on us.
- Let's consciously, continually, creatively, and contagiously practice _____.