



THE LOST VIRTUE

REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

*** Be the One!**

Luke 17:7-19

A Parable: The Unworthy Servant

The transactional approach to life.

Obey → Receive Benefits

Why do we need to tell ourselves?

A Story: The Ten Lepers

The transcendent approach to life.

Obey → Receive Benefits

Receive Benefits → Express Gratitude=
Relational Encounter
(Bigger Than Benefits)

Barriers:

- 1) Adopting an entitlement mentality.
- 2) Hurrying to the next Big Thing.
- 3) Downplaying the significance of help.

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Resource Center or listened to online at www.hcbc.com.

1. Do you struggle with the entitlement mentality? Test yourself by making a list of all the things you have or have not accomplished? Give a percentage to your role and a percentage to the role of others. What do you discover? (See 1cor 4:7)
2. Compare and contrast the parable of the unworthy servant with the ten lepers. What are some of the parallels between these two situations? Why is it hard to consistently focus on the help we receive from God and others?
3. Give an example of a time when the expression of gratitude changed your relationship with another person. Who are people that need to hear gratitude from you?

Weekly Challenge:

Write a letter to someone you appreciate. Think of someone for whom your expression of appreciation is long overdue. Deliver the letter and converse with them after they have read it. Additionally, write an expression of thanksgiving to God. Take time to share it with someone.

Memory Verse:

*The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
My heart leaps for joy
and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7*