The Sin Of Ingratitude

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INTRODUCTION

- How many of us even think of failure to give thanks as a sin?
- Indeed, it is a sin because it does not honor God.
- Although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God. Neither were thankful.

1 Count Our Blessings, Not Our Bruises

- If we're going to overcome ingratitude, we need first of all, from a positive point of view, to count our blessings, not our bruises.
- Too many of us, maybe like picking a rose, we get the thorns rather than the beautiful flower.
- If we're not careful, we'll just take commonplace things for granted.
- Do we sometimes take for granted even the small things of life that we have and enjoy?
- Indeed, we ought to learn how to count our blessings.

2 Accept Your Troubles Without Complaining

James 1:2–4; Romans 8:18–28; 1 Corinthians 10:10

- Number two, accept your troubles without complaining.
- There may be times of sorrow, but not as others who have no hope.
- Counting it all joy, my brethren. When you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
- Either we turn to him and draw closer. Or we can turn away and blame God.
- I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Neither murmur ye as some of them murmured and were destroyed by the destroyer. Don't get in the habit of being a murmurer.

3 Acknowledge What We Have and Would Not Trade

John 14:1–3; Mark 10:29–30; Ephesians 1:3

- A third thing that we need to learn if we're going to overcome ingratitude is to acknowledge what we have and would not trade.
- There are a lot of things that we have conveniences in this life that we may take for granted when we shouldn't take for granted.
- I guess I'm rich, first of all, because I have forgiveness of sins.
- In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. You're wealthy. Acknowledge what you have.

4 Our Gifts Instead of Coveting More

1 Timothy 6:6–8; Luke 12:16–20

- We're able to overcome ingratitude because of our gifts. Gifts instead of coveting more.
- What she writes are songs of thanksgiving to God, because she had faith in what is yet to come.
- Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world. It's certain we can carry nothing out.
- Let us be without covetousness. Let us have the spirit and the attitude of one who looks to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

THE CHALLENGE

Remember who you are and where you're going. Give thanks to God always for all things. Remember that he loves you and will bless you.

MY NOTES