

# “Are You Well or Only Healed?”

Based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

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*Luke 17:11-14*

*11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.*

*12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him.*

*They stood at a distance*

*13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

*14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."*

*And as they went, they were cleansed.*

† These 10 men had a range of skin diseases which were assumed to be contagious.

† Jewish law required that lepers keep their distance from others.

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† Jesus also kept his distance from the lepers.

† It is possible to receive God's great gifts with an ungrateful spirit.

*Luke 17:15-16*

*15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.*

*16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.*

† Ten men were healed, but only one was made well (whole).

† The skin disease is something physical. Gratitude is something spiritual and within me.

† This leper is praising God in the midst of his unsolved problems.

† Nobody lives a problem-free life!

*Luke 17:19 - Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

† My faith is what will make me well (whole).

† God is not the source of my problems.

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† God is bigger than the problem I am now facing.

† Do I say, "Please God!" or do I try to please God?

## Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† What problem(s) am I currently dealing with?

† Am I like the nine lepers and only want physical healing, or do I want to be made well (whole)?

† When have I prayed "Please God, ...."?

† When have I prayed to please God?

† How can I praise God with a current problem I am dealing with?

† Say (and believe), to myself, "God, I praise you. You are bigger than the mess I am in."