

Restoring the Broken  
Nehemiah 12:27–43  
Gratitude

The word gratitude is derived from the Latin word *gratia*, which means \_\_\_\_\_.  
Gratitude is a thankful appreciation for what we received.  
We usually recognize that the source of that blessing is because of someone else.

There is never a moment that we cannot display our gratitude for the person,  
promises or \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

How do you know, when God restores the broken pieces in our lives?  
There is \_\_\_\_\_.

Vision Courage Perseverance Integrity Distractions Value Joy Repentance

1. Gratitude for the Willing \_\_\_\_\_ – 11:1 – 12:26

11:1-4

To repopulate they looked for volunteers and cast lots!

The word translated volunteered in verse 2 comes from the Hebrew which implies  
generosity and willingness. They were full of gratitude!

11:4-19

The numbering of people who went to live in Jerusalem.

11:25–36.

Many settled outside of Jerusalem in their historic towns.

12:1–26

Records of the Priests and the Levites who were staying in Jerusalem.

We have a host of willing unknowns who, because of their gratitude to their  
Unmatched and Unequalled God do the Unthinkable while Unpowered but keep  
Uplifting and Upgrading even though they are Unnoticed.

You want to join? Come on....be a willing unknown!

Pride slays gratitude, but a humble mind is the soil out of which gratitude naturally  
grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much  
as he deserves. --Henry Ward Beecher

2. Gratitude demonstrated for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God 12:27-43

They responded to conviction and they confessed their sins. – vs. 30

They CELEBRATED! All the rest happened under conviction and confession!

- 2.1. They used \_\_\_\_\_!
- 2.2. They celebrated openly!
- 2.3. Great sacrifices were made.

How do you celebrate the work of God in your life?

Especially when He forgives?

There is never a time you cannot celebrate the person, promises or principles of God.

3. Gratitude demonstrated in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – 12:44-47

These verses give two very specific ways we can worship.

- 3.1. Worshipped in \_\_\_\_\_ – vss. 45, 46
- 3.2. Worshipped in \_\_\_\_\_ – vss. 44, 47

3.2.1. The tithe in the OT.

Principle 1 – Gratitude makes those going through hard times \_\_\_\_\_.

Principle 2 – Gratitude makes you go beyond ability.

Principle 3 – Grasping how \_\_\_\_\_ God is about you, generates gratitude of giving all to him. Then giving beyond ability is easy, when it is all God's anyway.

Principle 4 – We don't give to get. "health and wealth" preaching is false teaching. We give out of gratitude to Who God is.

Principle 5 – We are to give out of a spirit filled, spirit led life.

Principle 6 – God loves one who gives \_\_\_\_\_! (Greek word is hilaros.)  
If you need to give a percentage – give 100%. Just figure how much you need to keep to live on.

3.2.2. What could we do with \_\_\_\_\_ giving?

How are you demonstrating gratitude through worship?

Application:

Psychological research has demonstrated that individuals are more likely to experience gratitude when they receive a favor that is perceived to be:

1. Valued by the recipient,
2. Costly to the giver,
3. Given graciously and not out of obligation.

Have we forgotten God? His grace? And what He has given to us?

F. E. Marsh once listed some of God's blessings for his children:

- An acceptance that can never be questioned. (Ephesians 1:6).
- An inheritance that can never be lost (1 Peter 1:3–5).
- A deliverance that can never be excelled (2 Corinthians 1:10).
- A grace that can never be limited (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- A hope that can never be disappointed. (Hebrews 6:18, 19).
- A bounty that can never be withdrawn. (1 Colossians 3:21–23).
- A joy that need never be diminished (John 15:11).
- A nearness to God that can never be reversed (Ephesians 2:13).
- A peace that can never be disturbed (John 14:27).
- A righteousness that can never be tarnished (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- A salvation that can never be canceled (Hebrews 5:9).

Choose one to work on in your life this week.

1. Gratitude for the Willing Unknowns  
Do you need to join or maybe write a thank you?
2. Gratitude demonstrated for the Work of God  
How do you celebrate the work of God in your life?
3. Gratitude demonstrated in the Worship of God  
Do you need to increase your service or giving?