

## Fire Pit Topic: Gratitude

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Definition: conscious of benefit received, the state of being thankful

How do we express gratitude or receive it?

Phi 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

Psa 136:2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his loyal love endures.

Luke 17:11- 16 Now on the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance, raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went along, they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He fell with his face to the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. (Now he was a Samaritan.)

It is said that on his retreat from Greece after his great military expedition there, King Xerxes boarded a Phoenician ship along with a number of his Persian troops. But a fearful storm came up, and the captain told Xerxes there was no hope unless the ship's load was substantially lightened. The king turned to his fellow Persians on deck and said, "It is on you that my safety depends. Now let some of you show your regard for your king." A number of the men bowed to Xerxes and threw themselves overboard!

Lightened of its load, the ship made it safely to harbor. Xerxes immediately ordered that a golden crown be given to the pilot for preserving the king's life—then ordered the man beheaded for causing the loss of so many Persian lives!

What are you grateful for today?

Have you expressed gratitude to another recently?

Are there times that we should show gratitude and do not? Why?