



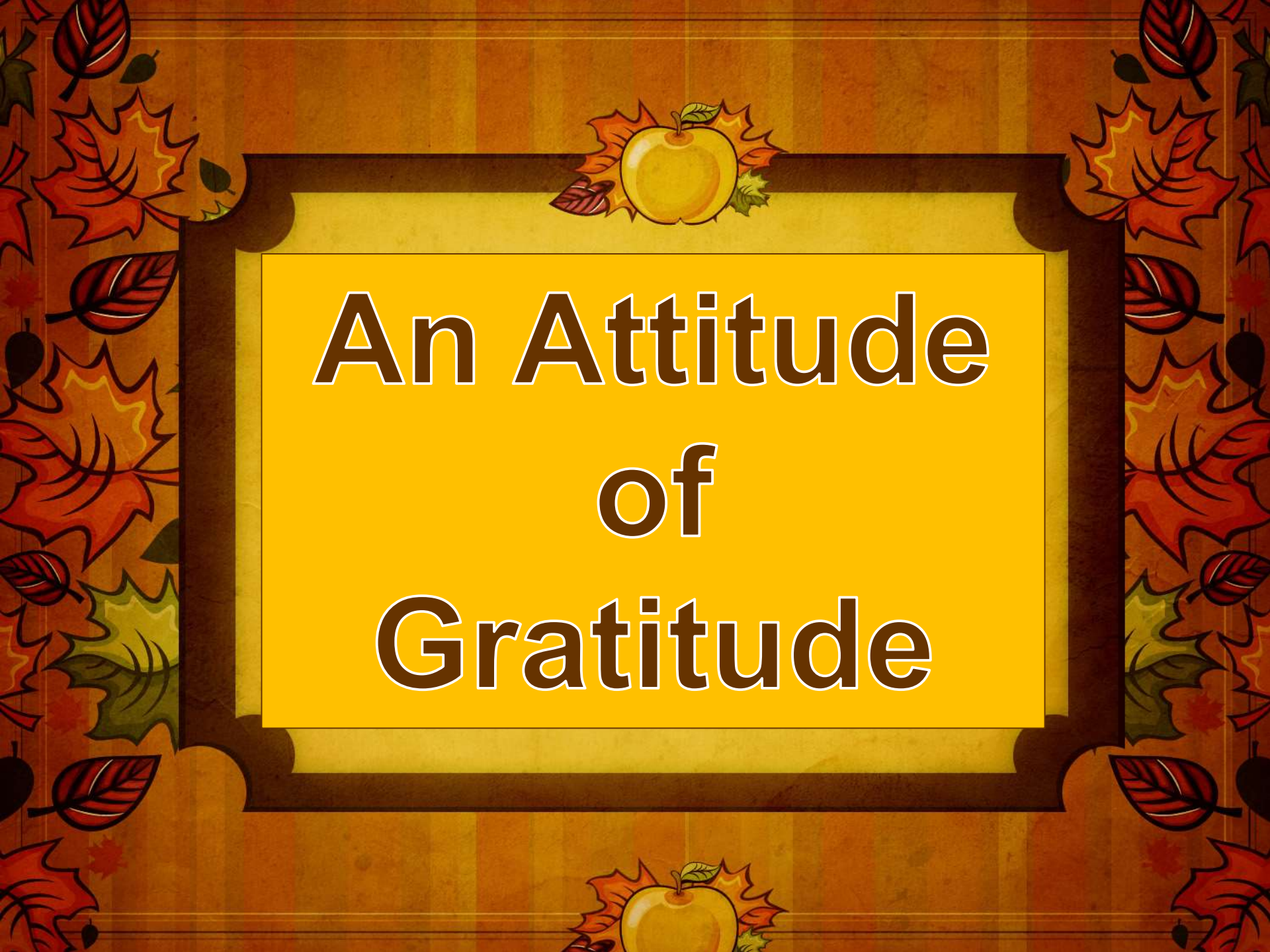
WELCOME

Happy Thanksgiving





*Turning
Thanksgiving
into
Thanksgiving*



An Attitude of Gratitude

Gratitude is Commanded

“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts; to which you are called in one body; and be ye thankful” (Col 3:15)!

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Col 4:2

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therefore with **thanksgiving!**”

Thesis:

1. Reasons to be Grateful.
2. Why so much ingratitude?
3. How gratitude will affect us.
4. How expressed gratitude will impact others?

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Reasons to be Grateful

- “Jehovah hath done *bountifully*” (Ps 116:7).
- “What shall I render unto the Lord for all *His benefits*” (Ps 116:12)?

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Reasons to be Grateful

- **Key: To Be *creative*!**
- **“In everything give thanks”
(I Thess 5:18).**



Matthew Henry
1662-1714

“Thankful
Henry”

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Be optimistic and thankful

"a cheerful heart is
good MEDICINE,
but a crushed spirit
dRIES up THE BONES."



"A joyful heart

makes a cheerful face,

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But when the heart is sad

THE SPIRIT IS BROKEN."

PROVERBS 15:13



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Many Are Ungrateful!

First step in *departing from God!*

“They glorified him not as God, neither did they give thanks (Rom 1:21).”

HOW SHARPER THAN A
SERPENT'S TOOTH IT IS
TO HAVE A THANKLESS
CHILD!



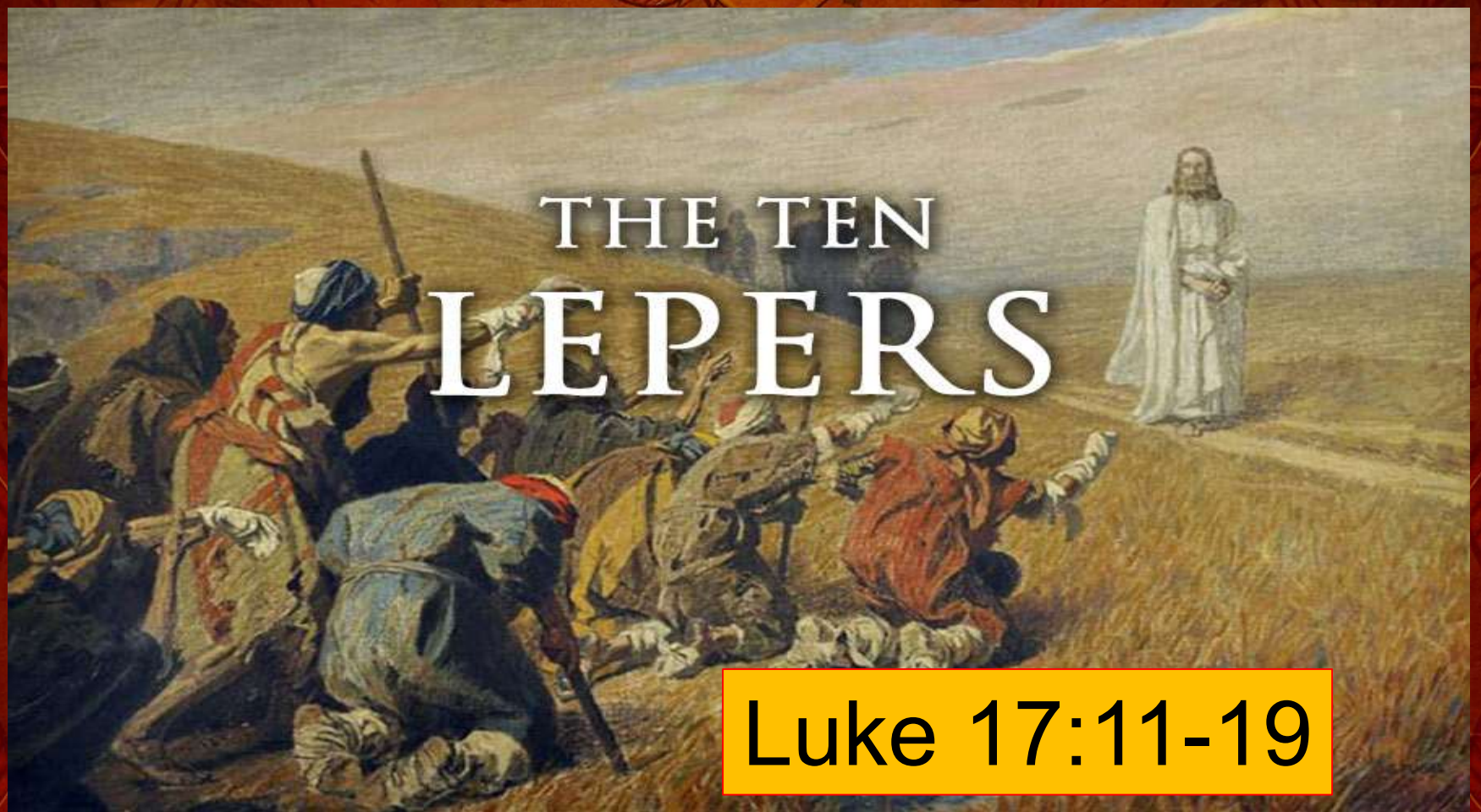
William Shakespeare

English poet and playwright

(1564-1616)

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Where are the nine?

Many Are Ungrateful!

- Paul: “If I love you more abundantly, am I *loved less* (2 Cor 12:15)?
- As soon as you do something good for someone, forget it, for those you help most often will!

Why So Much Ingratitude?

- **Pride.**
- **Too Busy.**
- **Too Discontent.**
- **Take Things For Granted.**

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How Will Gratitude Affect My Life?



- “To whom much is given, much is *required*” (Lk 12:48).
- “Freely you received, freely *give*” (Matt 10:8).

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How Will Expressed Gratitude Affect Others?

- Must be *expressed* (Ps 107:1-2, Heb 13:15).
- *Sincere appreciation* is a powerful force (Prov. 12:25).

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