

The Magnitude of Ingratitude

A Topical Reflection

Ingratitude is a Sin in the Face of Self-Evident Truth

Romans 1:20-21 “His eternal power and divine nature, *have been clearly seen* since the creation of the world, being understood through what He has made. As a result, people are without excuse. For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God *or show gratitude.*”

Ingratitude is a choice we make. It isn't that we lack sufficient information. God has clearly revealed Himself and His goodness to us. We don't lack evidence; we have simply rejected God!

Ingratitude Disconnects Us from Reality

Romans 1:21-22 “For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God *or show gratitude.* Instead, *their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless minds* were darkened. Claiming to be wise, *they became fools*”

Ingratitude:

- *Deceives us* about God, telling us that God hasn't been good to us.
- *Disables us* from making good life choices... because our decisions are based on the false premise that God isn't good, that we'll need to take matters into our own hands.
- *Darkens us.* Perceiving things as more negative than they really are, we become cynical. (Ever notice how dark cynics are?) We decide God isn't good to us and exclude Him from our lives. The light of His presence is out.

Ingratitude is a Mark of a Self-Indulgent Life

2 Timothy 3:1-2 “But know this: Difficult times will come in the last days. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *ungrateful...*”

Just look at the company that an ungrateful attitude keeps! Ungratefulness is found in people who are “lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud.” Ingratitude is a more serious character flaw than we may first think. It isn't that we merely fail to give thanks, we become *ungrateful*, an *ingrate*. An ingrate is a person whose life is *characterized* by not showing proper appreciation. A person who thinks the world owes them. People who are self-indulgent.