



It's Time Ministries

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## **Men's Bible Study Series: 7 Things Winners Do**

### **#7 – They Thank the Coach**

**Appreciate:** 1. recognize the full worth of. 2. understand (a situation) fully; recognize the full implications of.

**Coach:** an athletic instructor or trainer.

**Sometimes we think that we got ourselves where we are**

Psalm 100:3; Deut. 8:17-18

**Why is the Coach so important?**

- ❖ Look past what others won't see past – Rom. 5:8
- ❖ Sees what others can't see – Psa. 138:8
- ❖ Stay committed to you in the midst of your darkest hour – Lam. 3:22-23
- ❖ Knows your potential and how to maximize it – Jer. 29:11; Phil. 1:6

**Reasons we don't thank the Coach**

- ❖ Thought they didn't like us
- ❖ Felt they didn't get us where we wanted to be
- ❖ They left to look out for themselves

**Some coaches we need to thank**

- ❖ Mentors
- ❖ Elders
- ❖ Fathers
- ❖ Wives
- ❖ Those who counted you out

**Our Ultimate Coach is God**

John 16:13

**Reasons we don't thank God**

- ❖ Pride – Prov. 16:18
- ❖ Self-Righteousness – Acts 12:20-23
- ❖ Material wealth or status – Deut. 8:1-18, James 1:17

## BACKGROUND

**As he went to Jerusalem.** When is uncertain. If on his last journey, it was when the Lord first departed from Galilee, before his teaching in Perea.

**Through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.** From the west to the east, so as to cross the Jordan.

**There met him ten men that were lepers.** For account of the leprosy, and the laws of Moses concerning it, see notes on Mat 8:2. These lepers, excluded from other society, grouped together for company.

**Stood afar off.** As required by the law of Moses (Lev 13:46).

*Lev 13:45-46 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. (46) All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.*

**Go and shew yourselves.** To be officially pronounced clean, a certificate had to be obtained from the priests (see notes, Mat 8:4).

**They were cleansed.** As they went, an act of faith, they were healed. Not one would have been healed if he had disobeyed.

**One of them . . . turned back.** To give glory to God, and thanks to Jesus for his salvation.

**A Samaritan.** The nine were Jews; one belonged to the hated race.

**Where are the nine?** What a striking illustration of the ingratitude of men! One returns, the alien; the other, saved from a living death, are heard no more.

**Thy faith hath saved thee.** Saved him by leading him to obedience. His faith had added to it another grace, that of love. His faith had not only saved his body, but he had been born to the new life, his soul was saved.

WHY SHOULD I THANK THE COACH?

1) **He knows what you are capable of**

- a) Looks past your flaws
- b) Sees your potential

**2) Doesn't give up on us – He keeps us on His team**

*Psa 37:23-25 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. (24) Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. (25) I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

**3) Has sacrificed to make sure you win**

**4) Sees you as a winner**

*1Jn 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*