

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Sometimes our stop-doing list needs to be bigger than our to-do list.
—Patti Digh

Are you, or were you ever, a list-maker?
Generally, once a list-maker, always a list-maker.

Maybe you don't make as many lists today as you used to. But you still make a list or two. These lists are reminders. They ensure that we don't forget to do something important.

The list might be arranged in order of importance, so that the urgent items are dealt with first. If we don't get to all the items on our list, well, we will get to them tomorrow.

The reading today from Luke 17 tells the familiar story of the 10 lepers healed by Jesus and restored to perfect health, with skin flawlessly smooth and pure. It is the story of nine Jewish men who then ran from Jesus without so much as a "how-do-you-do!" The 10th leper — "this foreigner," (v. 18) as Jesus puts it (he was a Samaritan) — also took off.

But when he saw that he'd been healed, unlike his companions, he paused after a few paces and returned to throw himself at the feet of Jesus. There, he praised God for his healing.

Jesus was amazed on several levels and was clearly impressed with this Samaritan and tells him to "Get up and go on ..." (v. 19). Another version puts it: "Rise and go." Jesus has this guy on the move.

So leper No. 10 has a to-do list. Go back and thank this Healer, he told himself. "Rise and go," Jesus said. "Show and tell," he thought. "I am going to show the priests. I am going to tell my parents, my aunts and uncles, my brothers and sisters, my friends and neighbors and anyone who will listen what Jesus has done for me — how he has changed my life forever!"

What's on your "To-Do List" today? Do we need to "get up and go on"? What keeps us — who are so blessed, healed, as it were — from sharing this good news?

And, do we need to make a list of people — friends, family, caregivers — who would be thrilled to accept some words of gratitude and encouragement from you?

Prayer: O God, thank you for making me whole. Thank you for the many people in my life who contribute every day to my spiritual and physical health. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Blessings,
Lisa & Pastor Ben Motz*

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** 1 Corinthians 5-8
Monday: Ezekiel 37-39
Tuesday: Ezekiel 40-42
Wednesday: Ezekiel 43-45
Thursday: Ezekiel 46-48
Friday: Daniel 1-6
Saturday: Psalms 112-118

Crypto-mania!

Try to decode the message below before looking up the verse in the Bible.

Clues: W=O, I=N

JEA HWN DB HVEKXWTY SW TY EIN DCBYY TY EIN
 JEMB LX Y QEB SW YLXIB TZWI TY.

—Psalm 67:1

WORD SEARCH

These words were taken from an early 20th-century, eighth-grade spelling primer.
 Find them in the Word Search below.

N	O	I	T	C	U	R	T	S	N	O	C	E	R	T
L	Y	V	Q	R	E	M	A	R	K	A	B	L	Y	H
J	A	T	S	N	E	N	O	H	P	O	X	A	S	G
A	S	N	U	S	O	J	O	U	R	N	J	G	U	I
M	E	M	O	R	A	N	D	U	M	N	E	N	P	L
B	I	V	E	I	B	E	C	G	Z	J	S	I	P	I
B	R	S	N	T	T	U	K	H	F	S	R	T	L	W
Y	I	P	A	N	A	R	L	J	A	L	E	H	E	T
S	A	W	T	E	T	P	O	E	N	L	V	G	M	N
A	R	N	L	T	H	V	H	P	N	Q	A	I	E	U
S	P	T	U	O	H	J	H	O	O	T	R	N	N	C
W	H	I	M	P	E	R	E	D	R	R	T	D	T	L
L	A	C	I	S	M	I	H	W	D	A	P	W	G	E
P	Y	D	S	C	R	U	P	U	L	O	U	S	L	U
O	O	P	H	Q	T	Q	T	A	F	N	V	U	V	S

memorandum
 metaphor
 nightingale
 nonchalant
 nucleus
 potent
 prairies
 proportional
 reconstruction
 remarkably
 saxophone
 scrupulous
 simultaneous
 sojourn
 supplement
 traverse
 turbulent
 twilight
 whimpered
 whimsical

Can you find a book of the Bible hidden in these sentences?

1. Piaget's theory proves there are four stages in the life of a child.
2. She sat in the snow by Muddy Creek numb with cold, barely able to feel her fingers.
3. Mother made us taste samples of gruel, otherwise known as porridge, and which we spit out on the sly.

Answers:
 1. es+ther
 2. numb+ers
 3. Sam+uel