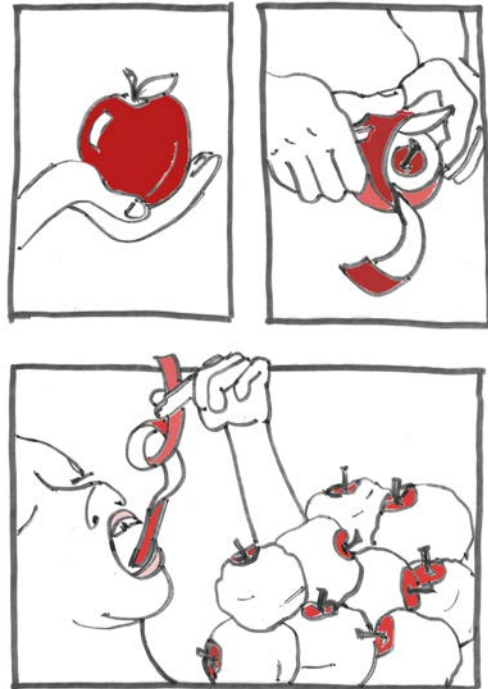


## *Questions*

- What is the purpose for asking a question?
  - Sometimes the point of a question is to start a conversation and build a friendship
- What might be some purposes of doing a kind act?
- What might be God's purpose when He does a kind act?

## **The Deeper Good** **Luke 17:11-19**

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### *Some background for this story*

- Jews (Jerusalem) looked down on Samaritans
  - They were “unclean” and theologically incorrect
- Healthy people looked down on lepers
  - “Anyone with such a defiling disease **must wear torn clothes**, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and **cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’** As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must **live alone**; they must **live outside the camp.**” *Leviticus 13:45-46*

### *Luke 17:11-19*

Ten lepers were all healed physically

Only one returned to give praise and thanks to Jesus

His faith brought spiritual healing and life

The despised one (Samaritan, leper) is most honored!

Jesus revealed the shame of the proud  
by honoring the one they despised

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*The Big Idea*

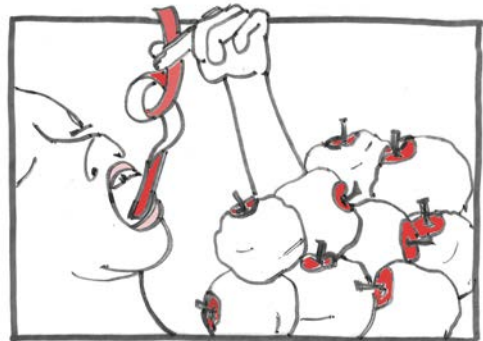
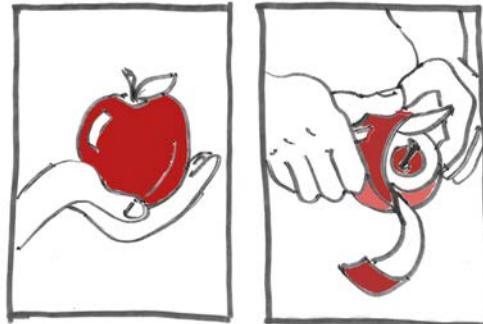
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**It is possible to receive blessings from God,  
even directly and explicitly,  
without building a relationship with God,  
which is the gift's deeper value**

- Receiving a blessing from God but not giving thanks and praise to Him

is like...

- Eating an apple peel and throwing out the apple
- We miss out on the deeper good that God intends



*Application*

- **When you see God's goodness, turn to God and give praise and thanks to Him**
  - The gift is meant to build a relationship
  - Don't miss the deeper good!
  
  - So many people receive so many good gifts from God without building a relationship with the God of the gift

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