

HEART OF GRATEFULNESS

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with
praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms 100:4

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Luke 7:36-42

Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 7:43-50

DEFINITION OF GRATEFULNESS

The life-long thank you of salvation.

An eternal gift deserves an eternal gratitude.

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Luke 7:41-42

GRATEFULNESS SEES MORE

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE:

Everyone has an unpayable debt.

DEFINITION OF UNGRATEFULNESS

An arrogant refusal to acknowledge what has been given to you.

Don't look at what you have been given compared to what others have been given. Rather look at what you have been given compared to what you owed.

Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.
– Charles Dickens

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 7:44-47

GRATEFULNESS GIVES MORE

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

THE EVIDENCE OF GRATEFULNESS:

Gratefulness proves itself by what it gives.

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7:48-50

GRATEFULNESS RECEIVES MORE

CHICAGO TABERNACLE

REWARD OF GRATEFULNESS:

Gratefulness attracts more blessing.