

HOW TO DEVELOP GRATEFULNESS

Leader's Guide: PD14-3

Lecture time: ? min.

Discussion time: approx. ? min.

Lecture handling instructions

- Your spiritual assignment is to **Grow leaders for God.**
- Replace the word 'parents' with leaders, bosses, family, etc. which is more applicable for the men we are serving. ☺ But — the principle remains the same ☺

Leader's Oral Opening Comments

- Lecture PD14 clearly illustrates the value of gratefulness for us all. A grateful leader is a good leader. A great leader knows that appreciation, and blessing are deep needs on which followers thrive to do their utmost best for him. A great leader knows that gratefulness builds loyalty and a team. Yet many church leaders do not know how to give proper praise to others or how to express their gratitude. A ***spiritual illness*** among church leaders is the tendency to deny praise or gratefulness when it is offered to him. This amounts to a denial of the power of Christ. God just used him! He should not deny that but accept praise or gratitude by deflecting it to his Lord who enabled him to do well. Let us thank Jesus together.

Leader's Oral Closing Comments

- What a unique and in-depth way to discover 'gratefulness'.
- Many leaders do not know how to accept praise and gratitude when they receive it. As leaders and influencers for God let us learn to deflect praise and gratitude in a way that Jesus would do and honors our FATHER.
- Let us really discuss this in-depth.

Prayer instructions

- Break-up the discussions very frequently and have one person lead a prayer about that specific topic they are discussing at the moment. Then let them proceed to the next topic and stop and pray again, and — again, and — again.

Practical assignments

- Gather your family together and Teach on this topic. After that preach on this topic in your church.

Special adaptations for unique groups

Make it a family affair; each evening following supper have each person share what they are grateful for that day. Then as the Godly leader PRAY over them.