



“The Talented Tenth”

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Scripture for Mediation

Psalm 103:1-2

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”

30 Day Gratitude Journal:

Start a 30-Day Gratitude Journal. Write about 3 things that you are grateful for.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge:

Call someone and tell them why you are thankful for them in your life.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray a prayer of gratitude for pastors and Christian leaders.

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord, You are the source of true joy and happiness. Your Word tells us that everything good comes from you. Help us to receive your good gifts with gratitude and appreciation. Help us to be good stewards of all of the blessings you provide. To You be glory, majesty dominion and power forever and ever. In Jesus Name we pray, amen.

Observation

W. E. B. Dubois referred to the best and brightest men of African ancestry as the talented tenth. The responsibility that Dubois placed on this elite group of men was to raise the standard of manhood and leadership among all men of African ancestry. While flawed in some aspects, this belief, if fully realized, would raise the standard of life, living and legacy for not just men of African Ancestry, but for every member of the Black community and the world as a whole.

In the 17th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, we are shown a character who represents the ***biblical talented tenth***. He not only represent men of African ancestry, he also represents believers and all members of the human race.

This disciple is not classified as an elite, leader or privileged personality. The Scripture refers to him as a leper. Due to his highly contagious disease, he had to be quarantined. Social distancing was insufficient, the mask mandates was inferior, sanitization was inferior. The only thing that would suffice is complete and societal quarantined.

Jesus violated the quarantine order, and healed all ten lepers and told them to go to the temple to get their completed medical release. In route to the temple they became excited when they realized they had already received complete healing. Having been quarantined for a long time, they only wanted to make up for lost time. Only one of them saw the need to return to Jesus and say “thank you!”

Do you represent the talent tenth leper, or the neglectful nine? Are You trying to make up for lost time, or do you see gratitude as a priority? The leper thanked Jesus for his healing. What are you thanking Jesus for?

Questions to Ponder

- I. Who do you hold in esteem as one of your talented tenth”? What expectations have others placed on you as their “talent tenth”.
