

# PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON – 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE III

TEXT John 10:1-10, 1 Samuel 1:20- 2:10

MEMORY VERSE Luke 17: 19 “And he said unto him, ‘Arise, go your way: your faith has made you whole.’”

OR

Luke 17: 19b “your faith has made you whole.”

### STORY – THE EXTRA

“It’s not fair.” Akuchi said as he and Adaeze entered the sitting room. “I don’t believe what just happened. I’m the eldest. Didn’t Mrs Oladimeji know that I am the eldest? Yes, I know that Adaeze is a little taller than me, but, -”

“What is the issue?” Mrs Chukwuma asked. She had about an hour before going for the night shift, and she was relaxing in the sitting room. Chibuike was sitting beside her.

“As we were leaving, the Oladimeji’s place she gave us money for the work we had done.”

“So what’s not fair? You did work for her last week and you didn’t complain.” Mrs Chukwuma said.

“I didn’t complain because she gave the two of us the same amount of money. This time she gave Adaeze more than she gave me.” Akuchi said angrily.

“Is that true?” Mrs Chukwuma asked.

“It’s true, Mummy,” Adaeze replied.

“Maybe she did more work than you did?” Mrs Chukwuma said thoughtfully.

“She did not. We did equal amount of work just like last week,” Akuchi replied.

“Is Akuchi, still upset with what Mrs. Oladimeji did?” Engr. Chukwuma asked as he entered the sitting room. “He complained all the way from the Oladimejis’ place until we got home.”

“But, Dad, it’s not fair.” Akuchi complained again.

“Akuchi, are you ready to listen to me now?”

“Hmm.” Akuchi paused and then he sighed. “Yes I am.”

“Okay. Before you started work with Mrs Oladimeji, she agreed to pay you a certain amount of money each time you come to help her this month. Is that not so?”

“It is so.”

“Good. Did she pay you the agreed amount last week and this week?”

“Yes, she did.”

“So why are you complaining?”

“Why did she give Adaeze more than the agreed amount then?”

“Adaeze,” Engr. Chukwuma said facing his daughter, “did you do anything last week or this week that Akuchi did not do?”

Adaeze was quiet for a moment. She thought deeply and asked the Holy Spirit to help her. After a while she said, “Well, last week when Mrs. Oladimeji gave us the money, I thanked her for it and mentioned that I will pay my tithes. This week, when we arrived at her house, I thanked her for giving me the opportunity to work for her.”

“Adaeze is a good girl,” Chibuike said. “And I’m a good boy, aren’t I, Mummy?”

“Yes, and yes,” Mrs Chukwuma answered as she hugged Chibuike. “Akuchi, I have to get ready for work now. But, when you get to your room, go back to the story of the ten lepers in the book of John chapter 10. Adaeze was like the leper that returned to Jesus after he had been healed.”

“You can also liken her action to Hannah, the mother of Samuel.” Engr. Chukwuma added. “After she had given birth to Samuel, she did what was normally expected of her. Out of her gratitude, she also composed a song of thanksgiving. Yes, she left Samuel to grow up with Eli as she had covenanted with God, and God gave her more children.”

“Okay, Mum,” Akuchi replied soberly. “Thanks, Dad.”

## QUESTIONS

1. Who was annoyed at the beginning of the story? Why?
2. Which three people came home at the beginning of the story?
3. Who is taller, Adaeze or Akuchi?
4. Who is older, Adaeze or Akuchi?
5. Who did Adaeze and Akuchi work for?
6. Why was Adaeze given more money than Akuchi?
7. Summarize the two Bible stories mentioned in this story.
8. Have you ever received ‘the extra’ when you demonstrated appreciation to somebody?

## CONFESSION

I am a child of the Almighty God. I have an attitude of gratitude. I don’t have to think to remember to say ‘Thank you’. I let people know that I appreciate them and what they do for me. I have a heart. I care about people. I am grateful for all that God has done for me. I am favoured. I am increasing. I am blessed.

## ACTIVITIES

1. *With younger children* Give them a few examples of things that were done for you, and they should tell you what you are grateful for in each instance. *For example you can talk about how you were tired and someone helped you carry a load. Or you can talk about how someone saw you by the road side and took you to your destination.*
2. *With older children* They should share experiences where they went beyond just saying thank you or when someone did something extra to them because they said thank you. *For example they could share on how they were given a sweet by someone they said thank you to. They could also share on how after thanking their teacher for explaining something one on one, they decided to help the teacher do something.*

## WORKSHEETS (OPTIONAL)

*Younger children*

*Colour the squares with ‘o’*

*Older children*

*Sudoku*

## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE III - JUNIOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Colour the squares that have 'o' in them to discover the hidden picture.

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## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE III - SENIOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SUDOKU** Fill in the empty squares with one of the letters from THANKS so that no letter is repeated horizontally, vertically, or in the box of six (3x2 rectangle). Hint. Start with a row or column where you have at least four letters.

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