

A Fragrance Never Forgotten

A Lesson on Love from a Woman of Worship

The lives of Martha, Lazarus and Mary are each an example for us to follow.

- *Martha exemplifies the **WORK** of a Christ Follower.*
- *Lazarus exemplifies the **WITNESS** of a Christ Follower.*
- *Mary exemplifies the **WORSHIP** of a Christ Follower.*

I. **The Fragrance of LOVE.**

Luke 10:38-42

II. **The Fragrance of TRUST.**

John 11:28-36

III. **The Fragrance of GRATITUDE.**

John 12:1-11, Matthew 26:6-12, Mark 14:3-9

The Beauty of Mary's Gratitude

- *Her gratitude reflected her ABILITY.*
- *Her gratitude was MOTIVATED by pure love.*
- *Her gratitude was a significant SACRIFICE.*
- *Her gratitude was THOUGHTFUL.*
- *Her gratitude was SECRET.*
- *Her gratitude was for CHRIST ALONE, but others were blessed by it.*
- *Her gratitude was REMEMBERED.*

There are 3 things we can give to God...

1. **Our LOVE.** *Ephesians 5:1-2*
2. **Our TRUST.** *Revelation 5:7-10*
3. **Our GRATITUDE.** *Psalm 141:2*

Together these three make a fragrance to the Lord that will never be forgotten.

A.W. Tozer once said, "Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it."

Offering a Fragrance of Gratitude to God

- Choose to praise God for who He is.
- Focus on the greatness of God rather than just His gifts.
- Thank Jesus for His love and sacrifice for you.
- Praise God in every circumstance of your life.
- Count our blessings rather than our burdens.
- Praise God for what we have rather than focus on what we want.
- Demonstrate your trust in God by giving Him the first of your resources.
- Thank God for the little things in life.

- Seek to spend time daily with God in His Word and in prayer.
- Keep a journal of praise to the Lord.
- Ask the Lord to use you as a His blessing to others.

Living as God's Fragrance to others *2 Cor. 2:14-16*

- Be intentional in thanking others for who they are as well as what they do.
- Look for the unnoticed servants and encourage them.
- Write notes of thanks.
- Give gifts of encouragement anonymously.
- Share your faith in Christ with others.
- Seek to be a blessing to someone in need.
- Consider giving an expression of extravagant gratitude to the Lord that is a blessing to others.