

**May 31, 2026**

**Joshua: Strength and Courage**

**The Virtue of Gratitude**

**Joshua 16-17**

Two specific stories interrupt the allotment of the land in Joshua 16-17. It is the requests of land from the daughters of Zelophehad and people from the tribe of Joseph. Though both stories focus on their land allotment, the two requests were made with different motivations. The daughters asked out of gratitude while the people asked out of entitlement.

**Additional Verses:**

Numbers 27:1-7

Psalm 50:10

Matthew 7:11

Romans 1:21

James 1:17

2 Peter 3:9

**Outline:**

1. Entitlement subverts God's work. Gratitude recognizes God's work.

2. Entitlement ignores God's generosity. Gratitude embraces God's generosity.

3. Entitlement eliminates God's grace. Gratitude lives in God's grace.

4. Entitlement steals our thankfulness. Gratitude increases our thankfulness.

**Study Questions:**

1. What are areas of your life that creates a sense of entitlement? What is the root cause of that thinking?

2. How does gratitude defeat entitlement? Where have you seen this victory in your life?

3. How does entitlement subvert God's work? Why is work important for God's people?

4. Why is God a giver of good gifts? What does this teach you about His nature?

5. How is Jesus Christ God's ultimate gift of grace? What does this teach you about God's purpose?

6. How can you grow in thankfulness?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?