

The Lost Virtue

Romans 1:18–25

PLATO

Four Cardinal Virtues

TEMPERANCE

JUSTICE

COURAGE

WISDOM

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GRATITUDE

- What Is Gratitude?

Gratitude is “the appreciation of benefits received.”

Where Did We Lose It? (vv. 18-25)

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the **godlessness** and **wickedness** of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

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²¹ For although **they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him**, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

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²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

What Do We Really Lose?

- Without gratitude, we lose our sense of wonder.
- Without gratitude, we lose our sense of value
- Without gratitude, we lose our sense of rest.
- Without gratitude, we lose sensitivity of heart.

Conclusion

Grumpy or grateful—it's your choice. Gratitude begins when we truly understand the grace of life. We deserved death for our sin and received life by God's grace.