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Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. - Romans 1:21, NLT



C. H. Spurgeon on "The Unthankful Man"

"I cannot say anything much worse of a man than that he is not thankful to those who have been his benefactors; and when you say that he is not thankful to God, you have said about the worst thing you can say of him."

- C. H. Spurgeon

God's kindnesses were annulled.

He was despised.

God's day was ignored.

God's book was neglected.

God's Son was refused.

God's deliverances were forgotten.

"I fear there are thousands who call themselves Christians, who are not thankful, and yet they never thought themselves very guilty on that account."

- C. H. Spurgeon

"The Ungrateful Heart"

1. It is not God-honoring.

Romans 1:21, NASB95 -²¹ *For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

2. It is not thankful.

Romans 1:21, ESV -²¹ *For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

3. It is not wise.

Romans 1:21, PME -²¹ *They knew all the time that there was a God, yet they refused to acknowledge Him as such, or thank Him for what He is or does. Thus, they became unwise in their arguments, and plunged their silly minds still further into darkness.*

4. It is not humble.

Romans 1:21-22, NCV -²¹ *They knew God, but they did not give glory to God or thank him. Their thinking became useless. Their foolish minds were filled with darkness.* ²² *They said they were wise, but they became fools.*

5. It is not moral.

Romans 1:24, NASB95 -²⁴ *Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.*

Life Application Section

Two Signs of an Ungrateful Heart

A. When we receive from God's hand daily blessings without ever giving thought as to where they come from.

B. When we grumble about what we don't have.

The devil moves in when a Christian starts to complain, but thanksgiving in the Spirit defeats the devil and glorifies the Lord. -Dr. Warren Wiersbe