

In Everything

Give Thanks

1 Thess. 5:12-22

Psalm 100:1-5

- 1 Shout out praises to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Worship the LORD with joy! Enter his presence with joyful singing!
- 3 Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give him thanks! Praise his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good. His loyal love endures, and he is faithful through all generations. (Ps. 100 – NET)

The Sin of Ingratitude

- **Luke 17:15-18** → 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, *giving him thanks:* and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where [are] the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

The Sin of Ingratitude

- **Romans 1:21-22** → 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, *neither were thankful*; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- II Tim. 3:2 → For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *unthankful*, unholy, (cf. Lk. 6:35)

Introduction

“The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated during the second winter the Plymouth colonists spent in the New World. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half of the members of the colony. *But new hope grew up in the summer of 1621. The corn harvest brought rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists that they were still alive.*” (World Book Encyclopedia)

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- The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God...

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- **No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People...**

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- **And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience...**

Thankfulness Is Essential

- Matt. 15:36 → 36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, he broke them and began giving them to the disciples, who then gave them to the crowds.
- Eph. 5:19-20 → 19 speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for each other in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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- Phil. 4:6 → 6 Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, *in every situation, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving*, tell your requests to God.
- Col. 3:15-16 → 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and *be ye thankful*. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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- Col 4:2 → 2 Be devoted to prayer, keeping alert in it *with thanksgiving.*
- 1Th 5:18 → 18 *in everything give thanks.* For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- Rom 1:8 → 8 First of all, *I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,* because your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.
- Phil 1:3 → 3 *I thank my God* every time I remember you.

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- 2Th 1:3 → 3 *We ought to thank God always for you,* brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith flourishes more and more and the love of each one of you all for one another is ever greater.
- 1Ti 1:12 → 12 *I am grateful* to the one who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me faithful in putting me into ministry,
- Eph 5:4 → 4 Neither should there be vulgar speech, foolish talk, or coarse jesting - all of which are out of character - *but rather thanksgiving.*

We Should Be Thankful For...

- The blessings that God has given us. (Acts 17:25; 14:17; Eph. 1:3-12)
- That God is our Father – He had adopted us as His children. (Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 3:26-27)
- The Bible. (II Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 3:3-5; Acts 20:32;)
- Our spiritual family. (II Thess. 1:3; I Pet. 1:22; Heb. 10:24-25; Gal. 6:1)
- The gift of God's Son. (II Cor. 9:15; I Cor. 15:57)
- For the opportunities that we have. (Col. 4:3-4)
- The Hope of Heaven. (Col. 1:3-5; Rom. 8:24-25)

How We Show Our Gratitude

- Prayer.
- Praise.
- Worship.
- Obedience.
- Efforts To Teach Others.