

Today's Theme

“Thankfulness Is Necessary”

Series Title

“Walking With God 2021” Part 4

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To Walk With God I Must Be Willing To:

1. Follow God's lead in my life.
2. Tell the truth about my failures & sin.
3. Apply God's wisdom in relationships.

Relationships To Manage Carefully

- (1) When they bring a negative influence.
 - (2) When they quiet my convictions.
 - (3) When they could care-less about truth.
4. *Learn* thankfulness to *walk* with God.

What Does It Mean To Be Thankful?

(1) To *feel* or *express* gratitude.

Psalm 35:18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people I will praise you.

(2) To *acknowledge* something publicly.

Eph 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(3) Being thankful is to be *practiced*.

Psalm 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

How Do We Actually Live Thankful?

When We:

(1) *Decide* the real *reason* to be thankful.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Jesus brings us Salvation

Salvation makes it *easier* to live a life of *gratitude*.

Salvation *allows* us to live to *please* God.

Salvation *enables* us to *love* other people more.

Salvation *stops* us from living a *hopeless* life.

1 Thess 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

(2) Learn to *accept* suffering & pain.

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(3) Embrace *delayed* gratification.

Col 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

(4) Focus on *trusting* God not *fixing* things.

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our “God is a consuming fire.”