

Today's Theme

“Thankfulness Is A Best Friend” Part 2

November 26, 2023

A Baseline Of Being Thankful

- (1) To *feel* or *express* gratitude.
- (2) To *acknowledge* something publicly.
- (3) *Choose* thankfulness as a normal *practice*.

Best Way To Actually Live Thankful

- (1) Make *sure* you're *connected* to Jesus.
- (2) Learn to *embrace* life's challenges.
 1. Know where to *go* to find lasting *peace*.
 2. _____ the principle of _____ gratification.
1 Thess 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
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.
 3. Focus on _____ God not _____ 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.”
Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

(3) _____ deeply in the _____ pillars in life.

Prov 18:24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

1. Clearly _____ how you _____.

1 Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

1 Sam 18:3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

2. Be one who can be _____ - Always!

Matt 5:37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Proverbs 16:28 A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 20:6 Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?

3. Be a “_____” person AOAP.

Ecc 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.