

Today's Theme

“Thankfulness Is A Best Friend” Part 3

December 3, 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. *Accept* the principle of *delayed* gratification.
 3. Focus on *trusting* God not *fixing* things.
- (3) _____ deeply in the _____ pillars in life.

Invest: -To _____ something to _____ a return.
-To _____ time & effort to something we _____ about.

Pillars: -A firm upright _____ for a structure.
-A person or thing that _____ essential support.

POL: -The _____ areas or aspects of one's life.

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

Questions to ponder:

- _____ are the relational pillars in _____ life?
In what ways do I _____ in _____?
What was _____ willing to _____ for His guys?

1. Clearly _____ how you _____.

John 13:34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 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.