



Thanksgiving is a Two-Way Street

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Psa 100:1-5 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

- What is thankfulness?
 - **Thankfulness** is expressing heart-felt appreciation to _____ and to _____ for the ways in which they have blessed my life.
 - **Thankfulness** is specifically making known to _____ and _____ in what ways they have blessed my life.

Lam 3:22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

1. Being _____ for Blessings.

a. For our _____

Rom 5:1-8 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

b. For our _____

2 Tim 1:3-5 *I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

c. For our _____

Acts 2:41-42, 46-47 *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

d. For our _____

Phil. 4:19 *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Matt. 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you*

e. For our _____

1 Cor. 2:9 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- **Gratefulness is the _____ of a believer's walk with God and of God's daily _____ for our lives.**

1 Thes. 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

2. Being a _____ of Blessings.

- “The greatest blessing the whole world is being a blessing.” Jack Hyles
- “God didn’t add another day to your life because you needed it. He did it because someone out there needs you!”
- “A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.” Steve Maraboli

a. To _____.

Gen. 6:5-8 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Eph. 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Psa. 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psa. 103:1-5 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth

all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Rev. 4:11 *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, **and for thy pleasure** they are and were created.*

b. To _____.

▪ **By** _____.

1 Thes. 5:11 *Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

▪ **By** _____.

Gal. 6:2 *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

▪ **By** _____.

Rom. 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

▪ **By** _____.

1 Tim. 2:1 *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*

▪ **By** _____.

Heb. 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

