

# Understanding Thankfulness

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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.*

*Lam 3:22-23 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

## 1. Why is being thankful so \_\_\_\_\_?

- Because Thanksgiving is the opposite of being \_\_\_\_\_.
- **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. \_\_\_\_\_ is thankfulness anyhow?

- **Let me give you 3 definitions;**
  - Thankfulness is expressing heartfelt appreciation to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ for the ways in which they have blessed my life.
  - Thankfulness is \_\_\_\_\_ making known to God and others in what ways they have \_\_\_\_\_ my life.

- True gratefulness springs from an \_\_\_\_\_ of our total unworthiness and inadequacy before a holy and just \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. How can we \_\_\_\_\_ thankfulness in testing?

a. Because all things come from \_\_\_\_\_ hand

*Jam 1:17* Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

*Job 1:21* And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

b. Because all things are for our \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rom 8:18, 28* For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

c. Because all things can produce Godly \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rom 8:29* For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

*Jam 1:2-4* My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

d. Because all things, including \_\_\_\_\_, can bring us closer to God.

*Psa 77:2* In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

*Psa 50:15* And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

#### 4. What \_\_\_\_\_ can we show thankfulness for?

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.

