The Attitude Of Gratitude

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- Learning To Give Thanks To God Is Important For All

- U.S.A. Was Built On A Spirit Of Thanksgiving To God

- The Pilgrims Gave Thanks To God
  - For Protection From The Elements
  - For The Safe Journey
  - For The Bountiful Harvest
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- We Need To Thank God:
  - As The Giver Of Life
  - For All Blessings He Has Blessed Us With

- We Need "The Gratitude Attitude"
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What Is Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving Is: “The Expression Of Gratitude To God For Things He Has Given Us”
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Growth In Gratitude Requires The Right Attitude

(1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV) “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God will for you in Christ Jesus.”

We Are To “Overflow” In Thanksgiving
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What Is Gratitude?

Gratitude Is The Feeling Of Thankfulness & Thankfulness Is The Feeling Of Gratitude

Gratitude Is A Combination Of Thankfulness, Appreciation, & Contentedness
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- Thanksgiving Ought To Show Up On The Inside & On The Outside in our lives

- Thanksgiving Surfaces When We Look On God’s Blessings As Gifts - Not As Something That We Deserve Or We Did
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- To **Overflow** In Thanksgiving = Thanks Is A Constant & Characteristic Of Christian Life

- Thanks Is The Accompaniment Of Prayer -- That Makes Prayer Powerful
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- Whether In Sorrow Or Joy -- Good Times Or Bad -- Thanksgiving Is A Part Of Who We Are

- Thanksgiving Requires Two Things:
  - Humility
  - Faith In God
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- **Without Thanks:** A Trial Can Make Me Bitter
- **With Thanks:** A Trial Can Make Me Better
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- **Scriptural Examples Of Gratitude**

  - At Jesus’ Birth = Shepherds & Angels Gave God Thanks For What He Had Done

  - In Jesus’ Life = He Always Gave Thanks To The Father
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- If You Are In Christ Giving Thanks Is Going To Be A Part Of Your Future

- The Redeemed In Heaven Will Sing Unto The Lord A New Song -- A Song That Is Filled With Gratitude And Thanksgiving
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Why We Give Thanks

- Thanks Is Not An Option It’s A Command!
- Thanks Is A Special Gift To God
- Thanks Opens Our Eyes To God
- God Deserves It Because Of All That He Has Done
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“Un-thankfulness” Blinds Us Spiritually

When You Leave The Place Of Blessing Without Giving Thanks:

You Soon Forget God’s Greatness & Goodness

You Soon Lose Touch With God
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- People Who Don’t Thank God Have Much Trouble In This Life

- Thanklessness Cuts Us Off From God’s Best
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- In America There's Been A Sad Shift In Trust -- From Trust In God -- To Self Reliance

- We've Failed To Be A Thankful Nation And A Thankful People

- The Blessings That We Enjoy As A Nation Are Not A Result Of Man's Endeavor They Are Directly Tied To God's Blessing On Us
America’s Attitude Towards God Has Soured Because:

- Futility In Thinking
- Foolish Hearts Have Become Darkened
- Failure To Give God Thanks

The Way Back -- Starts With Thanks

- Thanks Leads Us Back To The Wonder Of God
- Thanks Leads Us To Repentance And...