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Thanksgiving Is Good -- "Thanks-Living" Is Better

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

Thanksgiving Opens the Door of the Heart to True Worship of God
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Thanksgiving is a Reminder -- a Revival -- a Resource

Thanksgiving is a Righteous Activity

We All Need Thanksgiving -- Our Nation Needs It

WE HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR:

We Are Thankful For His Strength

We Are Thankful Because He Is Near
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Many Of Our Great Blessings & Gifts From The Lord Are Overlooked And Ignored

We Tend To Take So Much For Granted

We Must Not Overlook The Ongoing Blessings And Gifts Of The Lord
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A Thanksgiving Lifestyle Leads To Emotional Well Being:

“among all the emotions, there is one which more than any other, accounts for the absence or presence of stress in human relations: that is the feeling of gratitude.”
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Psalm 100:1-5 (NIV) (1) Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. (2) Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. (3) Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. (4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (5) For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
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The Lord Is Good, Loving, And Faithful Forever

Eternal = Has No End

Infinite = Has No Limit

Holy = Pure

Immense = Measureless & Boundless
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THANKSGIVING IS: Heartfelt Gratitude To God, Expressed In Response To His Love And Mercy

- Thankful for God’s goodness
- Thankful for deliverance
- Thankful That He Saves, Heals, Redeems, Renews
- Thankful That He Freed Israel From Slavery In Egypt
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- Thankful That He Frees Us From Death’s Power
- Thankful For Answered Prayer
- Thankful For Jesus Christ
- Thankful For Others Who Walk With Us
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- Thankful For God’s Provision
- Thankful In Song
- Thankful In Music
- Thankful In Dance
- Thankful In Worship
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Thanks Goes Up To God – Whether We Feel It Or Not

- Thanksgiving opens the heart toward God so that the individual is freed for true worship of God

- Everywhere in Scripture the spirit of thanksgiving is revealed as vital to our worship experience
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We Give Thanks Because Of His Wonderful Deeds

(Psa 107:8, 15,21,31 NIV) Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men

Thankfulness Ought to Be a Prime Characteristic in a Christian’s Life

The Key Is: Obedience
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Give Thanks Because God Has Answered And Become My Salvation

(Psa 118:21 NIV) I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
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God's Highest Gift Should Awaken Our Deepest Gratitude

(2 Cor 9:15 NIV) Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
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Give Thanks For God’s Word

(Psa 119:62 NIV) At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.

Abraham Lincoln: This great book is the best gift God has given to man. But for it, we could not know right from wrong.
Don’t Lose Sight Of How Precious His Word Is

(Amos 8:11 NIV) "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land-- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. (12) Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it."
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Our Hearts Go Out To Those Who’ve Never Had The Word

We Need God’s Word -- It Is Life-Changing
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God’s Word Is Vital, Alive, Life-Giving

It Teaches Principles Of Overcoming, Abundant Life

It Presents Necessity Of Thanksgiving For All People

We Let This “Thanks-Filled Spirit” Flow Into Our Lives In All Situations & Circumstances

The Greatest Gift We Can Give To God Is A Thankful Heart
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We Give Thanks Always In Everything

(Col 3:17 NIV) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(1 Th 5:18 NIV) give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Thanksgiving = Spring Cleaning For Our Spirits

It Improves Our Spiritual Condition

Thanks-Living Is A Time Of Renewal & Restoration

Thanksgiving Living Will Clean Up, Purify, And Lead To Sanctified Living
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We Must Thank The Lord For His Goodness Towards Us

(James 1:17 NIV) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

A Great Gift You Can Give To The Lord Is:

A THANKFUL HEART!