

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thessalonians 5:18

Things I am thankful to God for are...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Ways I need to SHOW my thanks to God...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

People that I need to thank are... Why?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Trials in my life that I want to thank God for are...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Having an Attitude of Gratitude

Choosing to be grateful in all circumstances



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Why should we be grateful?

*inescapable guilt + undeserved grace
= undeniable gratitude*

inescapable guilt...

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God." Romans 3:19

undeserved grace...

"8) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9) not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

undeniable gratitude...

"And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

II Corinthians 5:15

Notes: _____

How do we solve being ungrateful?

1. We count our _____ more than our problems.

“6) But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7) For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

I Timothy 6:6-7

2. We regularly take time to _____ God.

“Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 106:1

2. We are _____ with how we live and give.

“A generous man will prosper. He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

Benefits to living a grateful life?

1. We receive God’s _____ in tough times.

“6) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

2. We receive a _____ for spiritually lost people.

“11) Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men... 14) For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15) And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

II Corinthians 5:11;14-15

3. We seek God’s will when _____ come in life.

“2) Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3) because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4) Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4

Personal Follow-up Study

Make some time this week to prayerfully and honestly answer the following questions

1. Why should gratitude be our strongest motivation for serving God? _____

2. What is your greatest obstacle in be grateful? Why? _____

3. How do we keep from counting our problems more than we count our blessing? _____

4. Why does God want us to give thanks in trials? _____

Proclamation Establishing Thanksgiving Day

October 3, 1863 by Abraham Lincoln

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.