



a life of Thanksgiving

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1. Be Grateful for _____ (v.5a)

Hebrews 13:5 *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

6 *So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (ESV)*

2. Be Grateful for _____ (v.5b)

3. Be Grateful for _____ (v.6)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 17:11-18**. What are some of the reasons, causes, or excuses we Christians often make for not being as thankful as we ought?
2. Read **Psalms 69:30-31**. How do these verses motivate you to be more thankful?
3. Read **Psalms 103:2**. What are some of the things that come to mind when you read this command?
4. Read **Exodus 20:17**. Why is this command an expression of God's benevolence and kindness toward us?
5. Read **Colossians 1:12-14**. How can you make your thanksgiving for these truths more thoughtful, consistent, and meaningful in your life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 30th
Ezk.43-44 & 2Pt.2

December 1st
Ezk.45-46 & 2Pt.3

December 2nd
Ezk.47-48 & 1Jn.1

December 3rd
Dan.1-2 & 1Jn.2

December 4th
Dan.3-4 & 1Jn.3

December 5th
Dan.5-6 & 1Jn.4

December 6th
Dan.7-8 & 1Jn.5

December 7th
Dan.9-10 & 2Jn.

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 12-23 – **Count Your Blessings**
Msg. 10-20 – **Reasons for Confidence No Matter What**
Msg. 11-39 – **Gratitude: The Gift for the One Who Has Everything**
Msg. 05-38 – **Anchoring Our Thanksgiving in What Matters Most**
Msg. 05-27 – **What to Give a King: How to Serve a Christ You've Never Seen**
Msg. 08-07 – **Purposeful Praise: Rejuvenating Your Christian Life**
Msg. 12-09 – **The Profound Encouragement of God**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.
Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.
DeMoss, Nancy. **The Attitude of Gratitude: Developing a Thankful Heart**. Life Action Ministries, 2000.
Erickson, Millard J. **God the Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of the Divine Attributes**. Baker Books, 1998.
Jarrell, Jane. **50 Ways to a Thankful Heart**. Harvest House, 2000. [This book is designed to help children learn to be grateful.]
Lutz, Susan. **Thankfulness: Even When It Hurts**. P & R, 2002.
Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.
Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.
Phillips, J. B. **Your God is Too Small**. Touchstone Books, 1997.
Pink, Arthur W. **The Attributes of God**. Baker Books, 1975.
Rainey, Barbara. **Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**. Crossway Books, 2003.
Spurgeon, Charles. **Power in Praising God**. Whitaker House, 1998.
Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.
_____. **Laugh Again**. Word Publishing, 1991.
Tozer, A. W. "Thankfulness as a Moral Therapeutic," in **The Root of Righteousness**. Christian Publications, 1955.