

Developing An Attitude Of Thanksgiving
Ephesians 5:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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1. Thanksgiving is the will of God for our attitudes.
 - a. **Ephesians 5:19, 20** tells Christians to **“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**
 - b. And **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** says, **“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**
2. To be thankful in all circumstances, we need a proper perspective of our circumstances and of our God. Only then we will be able to give thanks to the Lord always.
3. If any nation ought to be thankful to God and grateful for his goodness, it ought to be America.
4. This morning I would like to share with you three things about thanksgiving from the Bible.
 - I. Our Thanksgiving Should be Expressed. Ephesians 5:20, “Always give thanks.”**
 - A. Christians should be the most thankful people in the world.
 1. **“Enter his gates with thanksgiving in your heart.”**
Psalm 100
 2. **“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.”** **Psalm 107**
 - B. We are made complete by our thanksgiving.
 1. **Romans 1:21**
 - II. Our Thanksgiving Is Exemplified. Ephesians 5:20, “Always give thanks to God the Father for everything,”**
 - A. We should be an example of thanksgiving for the blessings of life.
 - B. We should be an example of thanksgiving for the burdens of life.
 1. **Romans 8:18**
 2. **2 Corinthians 12:10**
 3. **Philippians 1:12**
 - C. We should be an example for the benefits of life.
 - III. Our Thanksgiving Is Expected. 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”**
 - A. Thanksgiving is a mark of a growing Christian.
 - B. Thanksgiving is a mark of a giving Christian.
 1. **James 1:17**
 - C. Thanksgiving is a mark of a glowing Christian.
 1. **2 Corinthians 4:8**
 2. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**