



How Do I Know That I Am a Thankful Person?

Background – This series is designed to help people evaluate whether they are living a truly thankful life.

Key Verse - [Colossians 3:15-17](#)

Take Away - Thankfulness is an action-oriented word. Is thankfulness visible in the way you live your life?

Sermon Guide:

I. How do I know that I am a thankful person?

- A. I am at peace with God and others.
Colossians 3:15
- B. I am genuinely thankful and people confirm that in my life.
Colossians 3:15
- C. I dwell in God's Word and teach and admonish others.
Colossians 3:16
- D. I can't stop singing.
Colossians 3:16
- E. I live for God's glory.
Colossians 3:17

II. How can we apply God's Word to our lives?

- 1) Are you truly thankful? Do you live for God's glory?
- 2) Put your thankfulness into action. Call or write someone.

III. Family/Small Group Discussion

- 1) Pray – That we will develop a love for the Scriptures and a thankful heart.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:

- a. Share any specific examples of a time or situation where you felt that knowing Christ brought you peace at a time you would otherwise have been unthankful or fearful.
- b. Three times in these three verses a particular attitude is mentioned. What is it and why does this seem to be so important to Paul? Is it something you struggle with?
- c. What does it mean, and how important is it to allow the message of Christ to 'dwell among you richly'? How does a proper understanding of the Gospel fuel gratitude?
- d. Notice that the instruction to teach and admonish one another is not directed at pastors or church leaders, but the whole congregation. How are you preparing yourself to teach and admonish others? Whose life are you seeking to sow into at the moment?
- e. Looking at verse 17, what should be our most pressing concern? As you close your time together, pray that you will be inspired to increasingly live your lives in the name of Jesus for His glory.