

Title: Thanksgiving

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Text: I Chronicles 16:8-36

Introduction: Sometimes things happen in our lives for which we are less than thankful to say the least. Becoming thankful people is one of the great challenges to the church today that has become spoiled, entitled and self-sufficient. The scriptures call us to live life on the higher plane of gratitude. It isn't always easy. It isn't always natural. But it is always appropriate.

1. A thankful heart is N _____ A _____.

- Because of the H _____ of human nature. **ROM 1:21**
- Because of the H _____ of human forgetfulness. **LK 17:11-19**
- Because of the H _____ of the misconception of entitlement.

2. A thankful heart is U _____ A _____.

- It reaches beyond the N _____ R _____:
BITTERNESS, RESENTFULNESS
- It realizes an A _____ R _____.
N _____ results & S _____ results.
- It searches for the P _____ in the face of the N _____.

3. A thankful heart is B _____ A _____.

- It was M _____ in the life of Christ.
- It was P _____ in the early church.

Conclusion: Thanksgiving isn't an obligation; it's a privilege. It is a choice we make in the face of difficult circumstances. It is a habit that we develop through the practice of responding to God as grateful creatures. Paul said " Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 TH 5:18). Let's start ... and continue thanksgiving.