

THE POWER OF APPRECIATION

A MONTH OF THANKS: Part one

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*“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(Ephesians 5:20, NLT)*

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” (Colossians 3:17, NLT)

*“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT)*

WHY GOD WANTS ME TO BE GRATEFUL

1. BECAUSE GRATITUDE IS A FORM OF WORSHIP.

“Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me.” (Psalm 50:23a, NLT)

2. BECAUSE GRATITUDE IS A WITNESS TO A WATCHING WORLD.

“Do everything without complaining and arguing,” (Philippians 2:14, NLT)

“Good people bless and build up their city.” (Proverbs 11:11a, NCV)

3. GRATITUDE DEFEATS WORRY.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.” (Philippians 4:6, NLT)

WHY I THANK GOD FOR YOU!

“I thank my God every time I remember you” (Philippians 1:3, NCV)

1. YOU ENCOURAGE ME.

“I have received much joy and encouragement by your love...” (Philemon 7, NJB)

2. YOU EMBOLDEN ME.

“We must always thank God for you...because your faith is growing so wonderfully...” (2 Thessalonians 1:3, NJB)

3. YOU INSPIRE ME.

“We always thank God for all of you...we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2–3, NLT)

ACTION
WRITE AND INVITE!

“Now, brothers and sisters, we ask you to appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12, NCV)