

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: THANKSLIVING | Part 1: ThanksLiving

**Those who are truly thankful choose to honor the one who honors them.**

**We do so by choosing to celebrate, dedicate, and allocate everything he has given us.**

**1. We choose to celebrate all that He has given us.**

**Psalm 34:1-3 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> I will praise the Lord at all times.

I will constantly speak his praises.

<sup>2</sup> I will boast only in the Lord;

let all who are helpless take heart.

<sup>3</sup> Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;

let us exalt his name together.

**Psalm 145:1-3 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God and King,

and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> I will praise you every day;

yes, I will praise you forever.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!

No one can measure his greatness.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 4:2 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

**2. We choose to dedicate all that He has given us.**

**Exodus 13:1-2 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Dedicate to me every firstborn among the Israelites. The first offspring to be born, of both humans and animals, belongs to me."

**Exodus 13:12-13 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

**The first redeems the rest.**

**We give our first, our best, and He promises to bless the rest.**

### 3. We choose to allocate all that He has given us.

#### **Exodus 23:19a** (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> “As you harvest your crops, bring the very best of the first harvest to the house of the Lord your God.”

#### **Proverbs 3:9-10** (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the best part of everything you produce.  
<sup>10</sup> Then he will fill your barns with grain,  
and your vats will overflow with good wine.

**The tithe is the first 10%. The first, our best, that requires faith.**

#### **Genesis 4:3-4** (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

#### **Leviticus 27:30** (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> “One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.”

**Adolphe Monod** (1800-1856) *“There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God’s; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God’s money. It is all his; he made it all, gives it all, and he has simply trusted it to us for his service. A servant has two purses, the master’s and his own, but we have only one.”*

#### **Matthew 23:23** (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.”

#### **Malachi 3:8-12** (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> “Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!

“But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’

“You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. <sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! <sup>11</sup> Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. <sup>12</sup> “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.