



“Be Thankful”
Pastor’s Choice

Psalm 50:23a - “He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me.”

How do I live a life of thankfulness to God? Three ways...

1. Praise God for who He is

God is great (Psalm 145:3) - “Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised. And His greatness is unsearchable.”

God is holy (Psalm 97:12b) - “Give thanks to His holy name.”

God is love (Psalm 107:8a) - “Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness.”

God is righteous (Psalm 7:17a) - “I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness.”

God is good (Psalm 54:6b) - “I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good”

God is kind (Psalm 118:1) - “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

So...how do I praise this great, holy, loving, righteous, good, kind God?

A. Sing your praise to God

(Psalm 147:7a) “Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving.”

(Psalm 98:1) “O sing to the LORD a new song,”

(Psalm 100:2b) “Come before Him with joyful singing.”

B. Express your prayers to God

(Psalm 105:1) “Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name.”

Now...the second way to live a life of thankfulness to God is...

2. Thank God for what He has done

(Psalm 52:9a) “I will give You thanks forever, because You have done it.”

What has God done for you?

A. He created you (Psalm 148:5) - “Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.”

B. He saved you (Psalm 9:14b) - “I may rejoice in Your salvation!”

C. He answers your prayers (Psalm 118:21a) - “I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me.”

D. He gives me guidance (Psalm 16:7a) - “I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;”

E. He came to earth and died for you so you could be forgiven (Col.2:13-14) - "When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions. Having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile toward us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

Here are a couple of ways to thank God for what He has done for you.

1) Share Christ with lost people

(Isaiah 12:4a) "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples;"

2) Give an offering to God

(Psalm 50:14) "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High" (Deut. 16:17)
"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you."

Now...the third way to live a life of thankfulness to God is...

3. Claim the promises God has made to you

There are 7,487 promises God made to mankind found in your Bible. We're going to look at three...

A. God has promised you eternal life.

(John 11:25) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies."

B. God has promised to meet your needs if you give your life to Him and put Him first. (Matthew 6:33) "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

C. God has promised to be with you no matter what. (Hebrews 13:5b) "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you."

(1 Thessalonians 5:18) "in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week...

- ...will you pray and ask God to help you live a life of thankfulness to Him?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are your plans for Thanksgiving?
2. When you think about our great, holy, loving, righteous, good, kind God, what do you most want to praise Him for right now? And why?
3. Of all the things God's done for you, what are you most thankful for right now? And why?
4. God has made 7,487 promises to you, do you know what they are? Which of God's promises to you would you like to claim right now? And Why?
5. Finish this statement: If I'm going to live a life of thankfulness to God, I need to...
6. What area of your life are you finding it hard to be "thankful in"? How can we pray for you?