

Gratitude

The Message About Christ

Colossians 3:16-17 “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

Colossians 3:15 “And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

Ephesians 5:18 “Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit...”

Romans 8:9 “But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)”

What Will That Produce?

The _____ **He Gives** “Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.” (v.16b)

Colossians 1:9 “So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will **and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.**”

Colossians 2:3 “In *him* lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 1:28 “So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and **teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us.** We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.”

What Will That Produce?

The _____ **He Wants** “Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” (v.16c)

Ephesians 5:18-19 “Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.”

2 Chronicles 5:12-14 “And the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and all their sons and brothers—were dressed in fine linen robes and stood at the east side of the altar playing cymbals, lyres, and harps. They were joined by 120 priests who were playing trumpets. The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the LORD with these words: ‘He is good! His faithful love endures forever!’ At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD. The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple of God.”

What Will That Produce?

The _____ **He Inspires** “And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” (v. 17)

1 Corinthians 10:31 “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

Ezekiel 36:23 I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD, then the nations will know that I am the LORD.”