

A Thanksgiving of Thankful Giving

Scripture: I Chronicles 29

Introduction: In the day that we live in, there is not a lot of thanksgiving being handed out to anyone. But what a time of thanksgiving we as Christians should be having! In fact, there is a biblical reminder that surpasses what we celebrate this week, and it lets us know that every good thing in our life comes from just one source: God. And it reminds us that we should live a lifestyle of thankful giving, and then look at ways to develop an attitude of gratitude. A thanksgiving of thankful giving is one way, but it ought to be enhanced by expressing our gratitude first to God for all that He has given us.

I. True Thanksgiving comes from KNOWING the Giver

- a. Everything that we have, everything that we are, and everything that we will ever receive, was given to us by God.
- b. Once we get that piece correct, we will begin to understand that this is the beginning of where Thanksgiving starts. It starts by knowing that we are not self-sufficient in or of ourselves, but all that we have comes from God.
- c. Because of that, I can give thanks to God for his provision, but I can turn around and give thankfully to others...all because of what He gave to me.

II. True Thanksgiving comes from a WILLING Heart

- a. The whole chapter is fortified with the knowledge outside of all God gave to his people, they “willingly” gave back what was already His.
- b. Thankful giving is a heart issue (grateful or ungrateful)
- c. Gratefulness breeds a willing heart, because I know what God has given me.
- d. Ungratefulness breeds a complaining heart, because we focus on the negatives, missing God’s blessings.

III. True Thanksgiving comes with 3 Parts:

- a. Worship (vs. 10-13)
- b. Praise (vs. 13), and
- c. A Consecrated Life (vs. 17)