

## “Why Is Giving Thanks To God So Important?”

Colossians 2:6-7

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- I. Giving thanks to God is \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hooves.”

Psalms 69:30-31 (NIV)

“So, we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.”

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

- II. Giving thanks to God turns your focus \_\_\_\_\_ and away from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:2, 17 (NIV)

- III. Giving thanks to God builds my \_\_\_\_\_ in him.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

- IV. Giving thanks to God reduces \_\_\_\_\_ in me and builds \_\_\_\_\_.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

James 1:17 (NIV)

“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’”

James 4:6 (NIV)

V. Giving thanks to God is \_\_\_\_\_.

“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.”

Ephesians 5:3-4 (NIV)

VI. Giving thanks to God replaces the \_\_\_\_\_ (fear, worry, despair, doubt, etc.) with \_\_\_\_\_.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

“But O my soul, don’t be discouraged. Don’t be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reasons to praise him for all that he will do. He is my help! He is my God!

Psalm 42:11 (TLB)

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name”

Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

VII. Giving thanks to God gives my witness a \_\_\_\_\_.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)