

“Are You Biblically Grateful?”

Colossians 2:6-7

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I. The human soul is deeply _____
_____ and _____ Biblical gratitude.

“Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.”

Psalm 139:14 (TLB)

❖ To not be thankful is _____.

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy ... Have nothing to do with such people.”

2 Timothy 3:1-2, 5b (NIV)

❖ To not be thankful to God is far
_____.

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Romans 1:21 (NIV)

❖ To be thankful to God is _____.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

II. We are to express _____ gratitude not just _____ gratitude.

1. An atheist can have _____ gratitude but only a Christian can have _____ gratitude, but not all gratitude is Biblical.

2. Natural gratitude is _____ centered but Biblical gratitude is _____ centered.

(Romans 1:8; 1 Cor 1:4; Eph 1:15, Phil 1:3; Col 1:3)

3. Natural gratitude is _____ centered but Biblical gratitude is _____ centered.

“I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.”

Psalm 7:17 (NIV)

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. *His love endures forever.* Give thanks to the God of gods.”

His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-3 (NIV)

4. Natural gratitude is _____ centered but Biblical gratitude is _____ centered.

“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

“always giving thanks to God, the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:20 (NIV)

5. Natural gratitude is _____ centered but Biblical gratitude is _____.

“To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’”

Luke 18:9-12 (NIV)

“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 1:12-14 (NIV)

6. Biblical gratitude recognizes God’s _____ in what we _____ rather than thinking we _____ it or _____ it.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

“For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust too”

Matthew 5:45b (TLB)

7. Natural gratitude may momentarily help us feel better about ourselves or others, but Biblical gratitude increases our _____ of Jesus!

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,”

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100:4-5 (NIV)