Tis The Season…To be Grateful
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Colossians 4:2 [2] Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

Intro.
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1. Would the people who live nearest to you characterize you as a complaining person or a thankful person?

2. When was the last time you sat down to literally count your blessings?

3. When was the last time you spent time grumbling, moaning and complaining about life?

4. When you look at your world, are you pessimistic about everything that's going wrong?

5. When you look at your world, do find yourself celebrating God's common grace?

6. Do you view yourself as one who has been constantly short-changed and neglected?

7. Do you view yourself as one who has been unfairly showered with blessings?

8. How often do you fill in the blank with grumbling, like "If only I had _____" or "I wish _____ was different"

9. How often do you fill in the blank with gratitude, like "I can't believe God has given me _____"?

10. In your relationships, are you encouraging friends and family to continue their grumbling?

11. In your relationships, are you encouraging friends and family to find reasons to give thanks to God?

12. In your relationships, do you find yourself frequently tearing others down?

13. In your relationships, do you find yourself frequently building others up?

Observations:

1. Can we agree that?????.....
    - Gratitude should be in our DNA as followers of Jesus.
    - Gratitude should be seeping from our words and behaviors.
    - Gratitude should be in every believer's prayers.
    - Gratitude should permeate our private thoughts.
    - Gratitude should be a way of life, a natural part of the believer's life.

2. Gratitude is undeniably important for believers!

Ephesians 5:20 giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I Thessalonians 5:17 give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3: **15 And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.**

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

1. Gratitude "Boosters"

    - Look around
    - Look up
    - Look within

Colossians 1:13-14 **He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 In him we have redemption,[a] the forgiveness of sins.**

Philippians 1:5-6 **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you[a] will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

    - Look back
    - Look forward

Romans 8:28 We know that all things work together[a] for the good[b] of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

II. The benefits of being grateful

- We look and sound a lot like Jesus
- We “change the channel” of our live
- We feel better
- We honor others
- We honor Jesus

Close

“May you also remember this Thanksgiving not only the obvious gifts that God has given you, but His spiritual blessings, as well. The greatest gift of all is Jesus Christ, and the salvation God offers us in Him.” Billy Graham