

DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

Recommended Reading

Crazy Love
Francis Chan

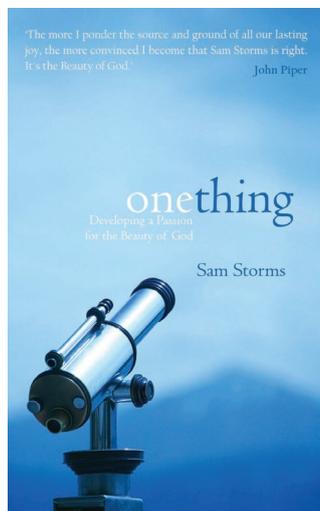
One Thing
Sam Storms

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LIFE Groups: Learning, Integration, Friendship, Everyone a witness

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Title: The Power Of Thankfulness

Speaker: Marcus Tutt

Bible Reference: Colossians 4:2

Overview

Paul says to the Colossian church:

“Devote yourself to prayer being watchful and thankful “ Colossians 4:2

Thankfulness is good for us in all sorts of ways (healthy, happiness, relationships...).

It is a vital part of prayer because:

- i. It gives glory to God for all he has given us,
- ii. increases our enjoyment of him God and his gifts,
- iii. plus it raises our faith for what he will do in response to our prayers.

Along with prayer, thankfulness is a vital part of the antidote to anxiety (Philippians 4:6–7). As we know and experience more of God’s goodness to us in Jesus, we are able to remain thankful even in very difficult circumstances when, naturally speaking, there seems little to be thankful for.

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?

Additional Questions

1. Describe a time when you were overwhelmed with gratitude? How did you express it?
2. Together as a group, try to fill a sheet of A4 with all the things you can thank God for.
3. How can we cultivate a habit of thankfulness in our lives?