

Thankful Series  
*Introduction*  
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Scripture: Psalm 100

It is the will of God that the people of God are to be thankful.

Scripture: 1. Thessalonians 5:16-18

To be thankful is to be conscious of benefits received and to express thanks.

We can all be tempted at times to focus more on what we don't have instead of what we do have.

We all have something or someone for which to be thankful.

We can express our thankfulness to God and for God through our:

- Thanksgiving
- Thanks-living

#1 One of the greatest ways to express our thankfulness to God this Thanksgiving is through giving.

We shouldn't give in order to make ourselves "feel good," but in order to make God look good.

A. We give thanks to God through our giving when we...

Give encouragement and appreciation.

Give our time.

Give a gift.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Give a hug.

Give an invitation.

Give a meal.

Give love and forgiveness.

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Give God thanks, glory, and honor.

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 Psalm 105:1; Psalm 107:1

B. We give thanks to God most powerfully through our living.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:28-29; Psalm 119:7

As disciples of Christ, Thanksgiving shouldn't just be an annual holiday, but a way we live every day.

Closing questions:

*What practical steps will my family and I take this month to show we are thankful through our giving?*

*Are there any areas of my heart and lifestyle that do not reflect my thankfulness to God?*