

SERMON NOTES  
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Maddie Park

## The Gratitude Effect

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

**Gratitude is God's will for your life**

**To know Jesus, love Jesus, and make Jesus known**

**Rejoice always**

**We can rejoice always, because we already have everything that we need in Jesus**

**Gratitude starts at the cross**

*"Let us be grateful, for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken..."*

Hebrews 12:28

**When we truly accept and understand the gift of salvation, every other need diminishes**

**But nothing this world offers was ever meant to overshadow the gift of Jesus**

**Sometimes the thing ruining our gratitude is that we're staring at what we don't have instead of worshiping the One who already gave us everything**

**When Jesus is enough, gratitude overflows**

**To pray without ceasing**

**Gratitude grows in prayer**

**They worshiped IN the chains**

**Gratitude is the faith that sees God before the miracle or EVEN if the miracle never happens**

**Your gratitude can be a witness**

**Give thanks in ALL circumstances**

**Jesus gave thanks before suffering**

**Gratitude reveals where your trust is anchored**

**We HAVE to pay attention**

*"Awake, O Sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."  
Ephesians 5:14*

**But when we are paying ATTENTION and remain in a place of gratitude, our eyes are opened to the beauty that we already hold**

*"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."  
Psalm 50:14-15*

**Gratitude is simply our continual "yes" to His power**

**The effect of gratitude is a faithful, surrendered, joyous life**

