

**U-TURN**

# 1 Thessalonians 5:18

<sup>18</sup>Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

# Romans 1:21

<sup>21</sup>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.

# Psalm 50:23

<sup>23</sup>The one who offers **thanksgiving** as his sacrifice  
**glorifies me;**

## **Jonathan Edwards:**

True gratitude or thankfulness to God for his kindness to us, arises from a foundation laid before, of love to God for what he is in himself; whereas a natural gratitude has no such antecedent foundation. The gracious stirrings of grateful affection to God, for kindness received, always are from a stock of love already in the heart, established in the first place on other grounds, viz. God's own excellency.

## **Luke 18:9**

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

# Luke 18:10

<sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

## Luke 18:11-12

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’



## Luke 18:13

<sup>13</sup>But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

## **Luke 18:14**

<sup>14</sup>I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.