

TAKE HOME SHEET



I'M GLAD YOU
SAID THAT

Series: I'm Glad You Said That
Message: Thank You.
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Jesus was the master of clear and practical teaching. A perfect example is Matthew 7:12:

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. (NLT)

The good news is there are many, many ways we can apply this teaching in our personal lives.

Make a list of people that you regularly interact with at home, church, work, school, neighborhood, stores, and other places – even those whose names you may not know.

Prayerfully pick from the people you listed (pick at least 3-5 from your list) and write down one specific thing you can thank them for – even those you may be struggling to get along with!

Think about something the person did, said, or an attitude they exhibited that was good.

Now think about how you can say “Thank you” to them this week to encourage them.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3–4 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NASB – New American Standard Bible

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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So far, we've looked at four relationship-building sayings:

"I was wrong, please forgive me."

"Is there anything you need?"

"What do you think?"

"I forgive you."

Today we explore the power of a two-word statement:

"Thank you."

Expressing thanks is essential to **building strong and lasting friendships** with God and others.

Genuine thankfulness is an **antidote** to a **critical**, **fault-finding**, and **negative** mindset.

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2 (NASB)

¹⁶ *Always be joyful.* ¹⁷ *Never stop praying.* ¹⁸ *Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NLT)

Thankfulness doesn't mean ignoring **problems**; it creates a foundation to address them.

Jesus gave us this simple guideline:

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Two broad categories of thanks in our human relationships:

common gratitude and **unexpected** appreciation.