

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Project Gratitude
Message: An Attitude of Gratitude
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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The homework is pretty simple this week. Review the message notes and passages, and after each one answer this question:

What does God want to me to do in light of what I just read?

An approach that helps many of us is to invite someone to join us in this process. By asking a friend, family member or Small Group members to do this with us, we get to learn different perspectives and ideas together.

Next week we will cover some very practical ways to build gratitude into our lives.

Notes:

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Psalm 103:1-2 (NIV)

God isn't merely trying to get us to be positive thinkers. He wants us to live faith-filled lives.

Gratitude has side effects that God created us to enjoy.

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. ¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 (NLT)

And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)

Regardless of our circumstances, gratitude is always called for.

⁴⁰ They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:40-41 (NLT)

¹⁵ All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. ¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:15-18 (NLT)

Gratitude requires diligent searching, watching and remembering.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT)