

STUDY GUIDE

GRATEFUL!

Introduction:

Grateful comes from Latin word *gratus* which mean “pleasing”. It expresses the feeling and the readiness to manifest appreciation by actions, even a long time after the rendering of the favor; **thankful** refers rather to the immediate acknowledgment of the favor by words [Century Dictionary].

Scriptures:

GENESIS 28:16-22, NLT

LUKE 17:17, NLT

LUKE 19:43-44, NKJV

HEBREWS 4:1, NLT

Discussion Questions:

1. What are your thoughts on the nuanced concept of grateful versus thankful in the Century Dictionary definition above?
2. HEBREWS 4:1, NLT is a reminder of how a nation missed their Promise Land because they were not grateful. How does this apply to your journey of faith?
3. Read the story of Jacob’s encounter with God in the vision of the ladder. What does the story convey as we think about gratitude?
4. What are some of the things that you are grateful for this Thanksgiving?
5. Jacob committed to the principle of giving a tithe. In what specific ways are you practicing the principle of “Gratitude Giving?”

Moving Forward: How To Make Thanksgiving Special Again?

1. Remember What God Has Done In The Past!
2. Embrace The Hope of a Brighter Tomorrow!
3. Establish a Lifestyle Intentional Generosity!

Changing Your Mind:

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (PHILIPPIANS 1:6, NLT).