

thanksgiving WEEK



This Thursday has been declared and designated by our United States government as a day for our nation to corporately take a break from the normal, gather together, and give thanks to God. This “holiday” has become known for family reunions, feasting, football, and fighting for those Black Friday deals, but the thanks to God part has been all but forgotten. As Christians, God instructed us long before our government declared a day of Thanksgiving, to have this _____ attitude of gratitude every day and in every way (2 Sam. 22:50). Today, we will examine the subject of daily thankfulness to God and let God align our hearts to it.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

1. It is God’s _____ that believers have a predominate attitude of thankfulness in life – 1 Thess. 5:18; 1 Chron. 16:4; Matt. 15:36, 26:27; 1 Tim. 4:4-5; James 1:16-17.

2. Being unthankful is the predominate attitude of _____, especially in the end times – Luke 17:11-19; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Rom. 1:20-32; Rev. 3:14-17.

3. Ways we can demonstrate our thankfulness:
 - By our _____...praying thankfully – Php. 4:6-7; Col. 4:2; 1 Tim. 2:1; Ps. 100:4.

 - By our _____...not focusing on the negative/complaining – Php. 4:8-9; 2 Cor. 1:19-20.

 - By our _____...even when it is difficult and a sacrifice to be thankful – Heb. 13:14-15; Job 1:21.

 - By our _____...living our life as God’s charitable people – Col. 3:14-17.

4. Putting an all-day every-day thankfulness plan into action – 2 Cor. 9:11; Eph. 5:20; Ps. 118:24.
 - What am I thankful for or most thankful for _____?

 - What have I been unthankful for until _____?

 - Out of the bad circumstances and situations of my life, what can I give thanks to God for _____?