

An Attitude of Thanks and Giving

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Eph. 2:4 *God is rich in mercy, for his great love*
Matthew 6:19 *Lay not up for yourselves treasures*
1 Cor. 7:29 We should *buy things as if it were not*
Matthew 7:19 *Every tree not yielding good fruit*
Matthew 19:29 *Shall receive a hundredfold, and*
1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In every thing give thanks*
2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration*
John 3:18 *He who is believing in him is not judged*

Next Thursday can be another *day off* or another *opportunity* to thank God for giving us His Truth; For having His Son pay our sin debt, and for giving the Gift of His Spirit to inspire faith in us.

Thanksgiving can be a pleasant time with family, friends, food, and good fellowship with those we love—and an opportunity to thank God for the many blessings we already enjoy.

When we pause and ponder all that God has given, there is no reason to complain about any lack.

NKJV **Psalm 103:1** “*Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*”

Then vs 5 says He gives many *benefits*; forgives our *sins*; *heals* our diseases; *redeems* our soul; shows *mercy*; and “*Satisfies us with good things.*”

A *grateful heart* is a *thankful attitude*—every day and all day. God’s *love* for us is without question.

AV **Romans 8:32** “*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all*”—will surely give us every other good and perfect gift.

Trusting God in faith is done *here*—in *this life*—and that includes trusting Him for physical healing without drugs; daily needs without Welfare; protection without weapons; and financial security without insurance.

Only *Jesus* can *forgive* our sins and only *God* can *change* our heart—but we must *allow* Him to bring *about* this change—staying *in* His will and trusting Him in *faith* no matter *what* we are going through or *what* temptation we face.

If we really believe that Jesus died for us, we will ask for His Holy Spirit to inspire faith in us to trust God for all things in this life.

We should thank God every day for the privilege of *knowing* His Truth and being able to *share* these messages with others—through the publishing and posting of printed materials to other countries in the world.

No gift is greater than the gift of *Atonement*. NLT **Ephesians 2:4** “*God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, 5 that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.*”

God was willing to visit our *world* so He could take our place on a *cross* and forgive the sins in our *life*. Now it is our choice to *believe* that and *live* His Truth.

The instructions of Jesus touch our *lives* and our *wallets*—AV **Matthew 6:19** “*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.*”

His Father *knows* what we need **6:32** and He will *supply* them as we *trust* Him in faith for them.

Jesus told us to treat *others* in the same way we want *them* to treat *us* **Matthew 7:12**.

He said to grow in *faith* and increase in the *knowledge of His Truth*—because YLT **Matthew 7:19** “*Every tree not yielding good fruit is cut down and is cast to fire.*”

Greed is the sin of wanting more and more, but never saying enough and never saying *thanks, Lord, for the blessings You have already given*. Making a list of our *blessings* leaves no time to list what we *lack*.

All of God’s blessings are on *loan*—we *use* them and then *leave* them to go to a better place.

“*The time is short*” NIV **1 Corinthians 7:29** so we should “*buy something, as if it were not [ours] to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them.*”

We live on earth to *glorify* God—and we *do* that by *thanking* Him for providing our needs; healing our body; protecting our family, and for teaching us spiritual truths from the Bible.

Gratitude—is an *attitude* of thanks to God and *giving* to others.

We are grateful for family, friends, food, and faith in God for what is needed—protection; peace; health; healing, and eternal living in Paradise.

Thanksgiving is so much *more* than a holiday!

As we gather around the dinner table—we think what a pleasant time of the year it is—giving the opportunity to discuss events of the day and bringing loved ones up-to-date on what is happening in our lives.

Jesus chose such times to tell *His* disciples about important things that would soon take place.

If they would keep their *faith* in Him, they would receive His *kingdom* in Heaven.

Anyone who gave up anything for His sake NKJV **Matthew 19:29** “*shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.*”

Many give thanks on *Thursday* but far too many forget to thank God on *Friday*—and to keep on *thanking* God and to keep *giving* whatever we can give to others.

God’s people thanked Him one day and complained the next.

They knew **Psalm 106:1** NIV “*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever,*” but they 21 “*forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt.*”

Thousands of years later—and not much has changed.

As believers in Christ meet things of life as the Bible instructs, let us be willing to forgive anyone of anything said or done against us.

Forgiving the person means not speaking about the wrong; and then treating them as if it never happened.

Thanksgiving is much more than a holiday—it is a time to say *Thanks, Lord, for giving us Your Truth!*

May we keep this attitude of gratitude all year—continuing to give thanks to God and giving to anyone in need—for **AV 1 Thessalonians 5:18** “*for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*”

Salvation by faith means trusting God in faith—every day. It means actively trusting Him for financial needs; for healing from any oppression; for justice when wronged; and trusting Him for a forgiving spirit toward everyone.

Thanksgiving is about family, food, and friends—but it is also an opportunity to say *Thanks, Lord, for Your blessings on me.*”

God has indeed given us **AV Acts 17:25** “*Life, and breath, and all things.*”

With grateful hearts—our continual attitude should be to thank God for all He has given.

We should always take the time to say—*Thank You, Lord, for all the guidance, the blessings, and the healing You have given me!*

We can receive three things from God that money cannot buy, but faith in Christ can receive—*forgiveness, peace, and Paradise!*

They are free for anyone willing to trust in faith on the atoning Blood of His Son for health, healing, protection, provisions, and peace.

Thanksgiving is a time to thank the One who reveals unscriptural attitudes to us, and then gives us the ability to change them.

Gratitude is an Attitude of thanking God and giving to others. **AV 1 Thessalonians 5:18** “*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*”

Bible reading takes priority each morning—**NKJV 2 Timothy 3:16** “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*”—a righteous standing before God is only by faith in His Son.

The man healed by faith acted in faith and praised God. **WEY Acts 3:16** “*It is [Jesus'] name—faith in that name being the condition—which has strengthened this man whom you behold and know.*”

God will always be the same and always do things for us **Malachi 3:6; James 1:17** so He still protects us, heals us, protects, and provides for us, and forgives our sins if we will forgive those who have sinned against us.

The Blood of Christ atones for all the sins of all the people, but only a few are willing to believe and trust God.

YLT John 3:18 “*He who is believing in him is not judged, but he who is not believing hath been judged already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*”

A true believer trusts God for protection from harm, injury, or loss without depending on guns, weapons, or policies **Psalm 91**.

We are to trust God for the money we need without going into debt; without hinting to anyone; and without keeping a savings account.

We must claim our blessing in faith from our bank account in Heaven. If we give excess cash to the poor, we **NIV Luke 12:33** “*Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted.*”

If someone steals our goods, slanders our name, or insults our family, we are to follow **NKJV Romans 12:19** “*Do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.*”

Jesus says **YLT Matthew 5:44-45** “*Love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those accusing you falsely, and persecuting you, that ye may be sons of your Father.*”

Meeting wrongs, persecution, unfair treatment, and false accusations in a scriptural way—is how we trust God and why we give thanks to Him for helping us meet such things in His way. Jesus gave His life on the cross so our heart could be changed, and our sins be forgiven.

Just knowing God's Truth is more than enough reason to give thanks every day!



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