

Daniel 6:10, "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

Daniel 2:23, "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand."

Matthew 26:27, "Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. 28) For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'"

BENEFITS OF AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

1. Teaches a clear understanding that God is in total

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The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. ~John E. Southard

Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God to those who are the called according to His purpose."

2. Reinforces our belief in the (8) _____ of God.
3. Our attitude of gratitude becomes (9) _____ to everyone around us.
4. Increases our longing for heaven when we will know God's work (10) _____.

I Corinthians 13:9, "For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10) But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away."



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**Pastor Jerry Johnston's sermon
Sunday, November 29th, 2009
What an Attitude of Gratitude
Can Do for You**

Bible Text: I Thessalonians 5:18, p. 2030 in the Nelson Study Bible

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.
~G.B. Stern, author of *The Ugly Dachshund*



Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~William Arthur Ward, Inspirational Author

T (1) _____

Matthew 11:25, "At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.'"

Romans 1:8, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

Romans 7:25a, "I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

I Corinthians 1:4, "I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus."

2 Thessalonians 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."

H (2) _____

1 Timothy 1:12, “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.”

2 Timothy 1:3, “I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day.”

Philemon 4, “I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers.”

A ⁽³⁾ _____

Colossians 3:15, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful.”

Acts 27:35, “And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.”

1 Corinthians 11:24, “And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”

- David delivered from Saul – 2 Sam. 22:50.
- After David was delivered from illness he gave thanks – Psalm 30:4, 12.
- David’s imprecatory psalm includes the priority of giving thanks – Psalm 35:18.
- Asaph followed David’s example in consistently giving thanks – Psalm 75:1; 79:13.
- After the ark was placed, David sang a song of thanksgiving – 1 Chron. 16:8, 34-35.
- Two men, Jeduthun & Heman regularly led thanksgiving worship – 1 Chron. 16:41; 15:17, 19; 6:33, 44.
- The reforms of Hezekiah prompted thanksgiving to God – 2 Chron. 31:2.
- After the foundations of the rebuilt Jewish temple were laid the people gave thanks – Ezra 3:11; Nehemiah 12:24.
- Two large thanksgiving choirs were appointed for worship – Nehemiah 12:31, 38, 40.

N ⁽⁴⁾ _____ self pity

**Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.
~Aldous Huxley, Author of Brave New World**



Psalm 92:1, “It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.”

Psalm 97:12, “Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.”

Psalm 105:1, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.”

Psalm 106:1, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”

Ephesians 5:20, “And giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

K ⁽⁵⁾ _____

Ephesians 1:16, “Do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

Ephesians 5:4, “Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, rather giving of thanks.”

Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America



1 Thessalonians 5:18, “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

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