

Be Grateful

Psalm 100:4

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

God's call to be
extravagantly grateful

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A moderately grateful person  
is not walking in  
the will of God  
by the power of  
the Spirit of God  
in the way of love.

# The Will of God

“In *everything* give thanks;  
for this is God’s will for you  
in Christ Jesus.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

# Spirit-filled Life

“...be filled with the Spirit ...  
*always* giving thanks to God  
the Father for *everything*,  
in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ”  
(Ephesians 5:20)

# The life of love

“Love *never* gives up,  
*never* loses faith,  
is *always* hopeful,  
and

endures through *every*  
circumstance.”

(1 Corinthians 13:7, NLT)

# **Words that bear witness**

“Do *everything* without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky”

(Philippians 2:14-15, NLT)

**It's a sign of mediocrity and defeat when you express gratitude with moderation.**



**It's also a sign of a heart that is moving away from God.**



**We are called, not just to give thanks, but to be extravagantly grateful!**

- **The Christian life cannot be lived as God intended apart from a perpetual dialogue of gratitude toward God and others.**
- **We all have bad days when we're not the most cheerful persons. And there are proper ways to express disappointment.**
- **Yet we need to become more mindful of our witness for Christ if our attitudes are creating a negative reputation.**



- **Those who walk in God's will are distinguished by a grateful and gracious disposition.**
- **How can we expect people to believe our message of hope when our lives do not reflect hope?**
- **How can grouchy people share a gospel of grace?**
- **If you're a critical, crabby, grumpy grumbler, please don't tell people you're a follower of Jesus Christ.**

- **Are you a moderately grateful person? Are you slow to give thanks and quick to complain?**
- **Go back to the one who can restore the joy of your salvation and learn to be amazed each day that God, "does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities" (Psalm 103:10).**
- **Remind yourself each day that, "God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ" (II Corinthians 5:21).**



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