

Giving Thanks

A. Two who were thankful (Luke 17:11-19; Luke 7:36-50)

B. Thankfulness in other parts of scripture.

Lack of thankfulness: Exodus 15:24 and 16:2; Romans 1:21

Examples of biblical instruction on thankfulness:

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. Psalm 100:4

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Psalm 105:1

And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks (Matthew 15:36 - feeding of the four thousand)

And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks (John 6:11 - feeding of the five thousand)

¹⁷Then He took the cup, and gave thanks; ¹⁹And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it* (Luke 22:17, 19)

And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all (Acts 27:35)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all (Romans 1:8)

I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:25)

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20)

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you (Philippians 1:3)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)

We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you (Colossians 1:3)

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2)

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. (Colossians 3:17)

For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving (1 Timothy 4:4)

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15)

¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 7:12)

C. Application

1. Start a journal of thanks.
2. Read and meditate on one Psalm.
3. Soak up Psalm 34.
4. Memorize one key passage and share it.
5. Theme for family worship
6. Speak to one another.
7. Give thanks for trials.