

Why Give Thanks?

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Introduction:

Thankfulness – is the proper response of gratitude that all true believers are to show toward God in response to everything He has done and continues to do for us no matter how small or great the blessing.

"There is something about a grateful heart that brings pleasure and satisfaction to the heart of our holy and righteous God"

Thanksgiving is to be an on-going and continual behavior in the lives of God's people.

The 5 Reasons Why We Should Give Thanks...

- I. **1st It Pleases The Lord Ps 69:30-31**
 - a. God is pleased when we give Him praise and thanksgiving.
 - b. 5 Blessings we can praise God for Ps 103:1-5
 - i. He forgives our sins Jer 31:34
 - ii. He heals us from our diseases Matt 9:35
 - iii. He redeemed our life 1 Cor 6:20
 - iv. He crowns us with love and compassion Jn 1:12
 - v. He satisfies our desires with good things

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II. 2nd It Proclaims Our Gratitude Ps.100

- a. Ps. 100 reveals 8 ways we are to give Thanks to God
- b. No matter what the circumstances we are able to give thanks Rom 8:28
- c. Gratitude is an attitude that says "God I will thank you for Your goodness and Your love, and Your faithfulness

III. 3rd It Stimulates Others Heb 10:24

- a. We are to stir up one another to love and good works
- b. Being thankful is contagious and others will catch it
- c. Unfortunately, grumbling can be equally contagious Ex 16:2

IV. 4th It Produces Contentment

- a. As we are thankful to God for what He has already given us
- b. We become more and more content with what is already ours through Him and from Him

V. 5th It Portrays Christ in Our Life Luke 10:21

- a. Jesus was always giving thanks to God Jn 11:41
- b. When we are seen giving thanks to God we properly portrays Christ in us