



Series: Self-Reliance

Sermon: Part 5: Thanksgiving and Praise Prayer

Date: Sunday, November 20th, 2022

4 Common Reasons We Can Be Ungrateful:

1. The _____ that we feel
2. We routinely take others for _____
3. We celebrate our _____, ego, and self-reliance
4. We don't _____ being thankful

Unless we _____ that thankfulness daily to others, we are actually seen as thankless or ungrateful people.

Many of us know we are blessed, we just _____ say anything to anyone who helped us to be blessed.

Scripture referenced in the sermon message: *Deuteronomy 8:12-18 NLT*

Expressing Our Gratitude

1. Taking time to give thanks to _____ and to recognize all of His provision in our life
"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers..." (Ephesians 1:16)
"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you..." (Philippians 1:3)

2. Taking time to thank _____ for the blessings that we have and for what others do for us
"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." (Psalm 107:2 ESV)

When it comes to giving thanks, don't just feel thankful but _____ so.

It is where you go from giving thanks because of things to...giving thanks because of _____.



The _____ of gratitude is being thankful no matter what happens.

3. Taking time to thank God for Who He is, _____ when we don't get what we want

“Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to You for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of Your wings until the danger passes by. I cry out to God Most High, to God Who will fulfill His purpose for me. He will send help from Heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. My God will send forth His unfailing love and faithfulness. I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey—whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords. Be exalted, O God, above the highest Heavens! May Your glory shine over all the Earth. My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it. My heart is confident in You, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing Your praises! Wake up, my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song. I will thank You, Lord, among all the people. I will sing Your praises among the nations. For Your unfailing love is as high as the Heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the highest Heavens. May Your glory shine over all the Earth.” (Psalm 57:1-11)

Practicing Gratitude

- 1. Practice gratitude in your prayers to God for the blessings that you see**
- 2. Practice gratitude for others**
- 3. Practice gratitude in your prayers to God for Who He is, even when we don't get what we want**

Bottom Line: *Whatever you have: give thanks, whatever is done for you: give thanks, and whatever circumstance you find yourself in: give thanks.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. Is your attitude often one of no gratitude, an attitude of gratitude, or do you have a lifestyle of gratitude?
2. What next step can you take this week to begin practicing a lifestyle of gratitude? What is one practice you can implement into your daily schedule to start giving thanks in all circumstances?

Songs used in service: House of The Lord (Phil Wickham), Too Good To Not Believe (Cody Carnes & Brandon Lake), Jireh (Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship), Thank You (Mike Marshall)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?