



A THANKFUL THANKSGIVING:

SEEING GOD'S GIFTS AS WE SHOULD

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

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1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, **2** through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, **3** who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. **4** For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **5** for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. (ESV)

1. Acknowledge _____ (vv.1-3a)

2. Receive _____ (vv.3b-4a)

3. Deliberately _____ (vv.4b-5)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Chronicles 16:8-10**. How do you imagine that a continual focus on living out vv.8-10a would result in the disposition described in v.10b? Why does the former practice more than likely lead to the latter attitude?
2. Read **Psalms 34:17-19** and **Isaiah 51:1-3**. What truths from these texts can you employ to cultivate a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude even amid times of difficulty, suffering, and painful circumstances?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 1:4-9**. List several of the spiritually important things that God is doing in the lives of some of the Christians you are close to that can be the fuel for an increased and continuing thanksgiving to God.
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:18**. What are some of the sobering implications that come with that little phrase, "this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you?"
5. Read **Psalms 116:12-14**. What response will you purpose to give in the next month or so (beyond your words of gratitude) for the good gifts God has bestowed on you?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 19-21 – **God is Good**
- Msg. 12-23 – **Count Your Blessings**
- Msg. 14-37 – **A Life of Thanksgiving**
- Msg. 11-39 – **Gratitude: The Gift for the One Who Has Everything**
- Msg. 10-34 – **Gratitude for Grace & Respect for the King**
- Msg. 16-40 – **Offering God a Heart of Gratitude**
- Msg. 17-35 – **A Thanksgiving List**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Nov. 20 th	Ezk.22-23 & Jms.2
Nov. 21 st	Ezk.24-26 & Jms.3
Nov. 22 nd	Ezk.27-28 & Jms.4
Nov. 23 rd	Ezk.29-31 & Jms.5
Nov. 24 th	Ezk.32-33 & 1Pt.1
Nov. 25 th	Ezk.34-35 & 1Pt.2
Nov. 26 th	Ezk.36-37 & 1Pt.3
Nov. 27 th	Ezk.38-39 & 1Pt.4

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.
- DeMoss, Nancy. **The Attitude of Gratitude: Developing a Thankful Heart**. Life Action Ministries, 2000.
- Jarrell, Jane. **50 Ways to a Thankful Heart**. Harvest House, 2000. [This book is designed to help children learn to be grateful.]
- Lewis, C. S. "A Word About Praising" in **Reflections in the Psalms**. Reprint. HarperOne, 2017.
- Lutz, Susan. **Thankfulness: Even When It Hurts**. P & R, 2002.
- Mohler, Mary. **Growing in Gratitude: Rediscovering the Joy of a Thankful Heart**. Good Book Co., 2018.
- Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.
- Pierce, Timothy M. **Enthroned on Our Praise: Old Testament Theology of Worship**. B & H, 2008.
- Rainey, Barbara. **Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**. Crossway Books, 2003.
- Spurgeon, Charles. **Power in Praising God**. Whitaker House, 1998.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.
- Tozer, A. W. "Thankfulness as a Moral Therapeutic" in **The Root of Righteousness**. Christian Publications, 1955.
- Wiersbe, Warren W. **Prayer, Praise & Promises: A Daily Walk Through the Psalms**. Baker Books, 2013.