

## “GIVE THANKS IN EVERYTHING”

Series: “GIVE THANKS,” Part 1 of 2

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Big Idea: Few practices are more emotionally, relationally and spiritually healthy than that of giving thanks with a grateful heart.**

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### I. GIVING THANKS WHEN IT’S EASY.

Psalm 100:4, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Deuteronomy 16:15, “For seven days celebrate the Feast to the LORD your God at the place the LORD will choose. For the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.”

The Reverend Dr. Warren Watts wrote:

“If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million people who won’t survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of the 20 million people around the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than almost 3 billion people in the world. If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the people of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish some place, you are among the top 8% of the world’s wealthy. If you held up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not. If you can read this article, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.”

1 Corinthians 4:7, "For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"

## **II. GIVING THANKS WHEN IT'S DIFFICULT.**

Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

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Psalms 23:5a, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

## **III. GIVING THANKS WHEN IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE.**

1 Corinthians 11:23b-24a, "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks."

Isaiah 53:11a, "After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied."

Timothy 1:12b, "I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day."

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