

Thankfulness

It is probably fair to say that in our day to day lives we do not take enough time to be thankful for how much we have been blessed. By this I am not referring to the many material possessions most of us have. I am referring to how greatly God has blessed us all. We would not exist at all had God not created all mankind, all the animals, all the plants and everything else. God created the entire universe and everything in it. He created our planet and everything about it giving us an earthly home to prepare for an eternal home. On top of all that, God has shown us all incredible love by giving His son on the cross for us so that IF we live the life of an obedient Christian, we will receive an eternal home in Heaven. God has done this for all people regardless of us being male or female, regardless of our race, regardless of our economic or social standing. When we stop to think about what God has done for us, it should be humbling and we should be very thankful. Being thankful is an attitude we can all work to become better at. In this lesson we will examine being thankful.

Scriptures

Psalms 107:1 “O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever” We need to regularly go to God in prayer, not only with our troubles, but to honor Him by thanking Him for our many blessings.

Romans 1:21 “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened”

Sometimes we think pretty highly of ourselves, thinking we do not need God or that maybe there is no God. This is a dangerous attitude to develop and is in fact prideful and not thankful.

2 Corinthians 9:15 “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” We need to take time and recognize what God has done for us and develop a thankful attitude for all that the creator of everything has done for us.

Ephesians 5:20 “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” A Christian should make it a regular daily habit to humbly go to God with thankful prayers.

Philippians 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” God wants His faithful children to come to Him in prayer to unburden some of the difficulties of this life. We should be highly thankful that a Christian has that ability in prayer to communicate with our heavenly Father

Colossians 3:15 “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful” When Christians are able to humble themselves and submit to God it helps their ability to face daily life, and they can be thankful for how blessed they are as Christians.

Colossians 3:17 “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” As a Christian, it is important be thankful to God in our attitude so that this mindset can be seen by others in our daily life. Perhaps they might even

become curious about God themselves.

Colossians 4:2 “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving” We need to strive to be humble, not full of pride, and submit to God’s will which He has made known to us in the Bible. We can be thankful that we can know if we are pleasing to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” We need to strive to have an attitude of thankfulness for all that God has done for us and not be filled with pride believing we don’t need God.

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” God does not promise to give us everything we want, but He has provided us with everything we need to get to Heaven. Are we thankful He did that for us, and do we show it in our daily attitude?

Conclusion

We all have so much to be thankful for but how often do we go to God in prayer and tell Him? We should strive to be humble and have a thankful attitude for all that God has done for us. If we can strive to be more thankful, we can also have more positivity and less negativity in our daily attitude. We can all work to be obedient Christians that strive to be thankful in our attitudes realizing how much God has done for us.