

Introduction

- Lesson text: [1 Th. 5:18](#)
- 1. One of the most tragic things on Earth is being ungrateful.
 - a. It has led and continues to lead to all types of wickedness ([Rm. 1:18-32](#)).
- 2. Being thankful for everything is the will of God ([1 Th. 5:18](#)).
 - a. He has commanded it ([Col. 3:17](#)).

I. Thankful People

1. Thankful for God Himself as He is worthy ([Rev. 7:12](#), [4:8-11](#); cf. [Jm. 1:17](#)).
 - a. Thankful for our existence ([Ac. 17:28](#)).
 - b. Thankful for the many blessings God bestows on us each day ([Mt. 5:45](#), [Ac. 14:17](#)).
2. Thankful for each other and remember the work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope we share ([1 Th. 1:2-4](#); cf. [Col. 1:3-5](#); [2 Th. 1:3-4](#)).
3. Thankful to serve ([1 Tim. 1:12](#)).
4. Thankful for Christ and the victory through and in Him ([1 Cor. 15:57](#); [2 Cor. 2:14](#)).
5. Thankful for the reception of God's Word ([1 Th. 2:13](#)).
6. Thankful when one obeys the Gospel ([Rm. 6:17-18](#)).
 - a. This causes more thanksgiving for the one who obeys ([Col. 1:12-14](#)).

II. Thankful Prayers

1. Keep prayer and thanksgiving regular ([Col. 4:2](#)).
2. Interrupt anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving ([Php. 4:6](#)).

III. Thankful Protection

1. Only wrath awaits the unthankful ([Rm. 1:18-21](#)).
 - a. Death is the final result ([Rm. 1:32](#); cf. [Rm. 6:23](#)).
2. If our mouths are full of thanksgiving, they will not be full of sin ([Eph. 5:1-4](#)).
3. This is why we must grow (abound) in thanksgiving ([Col. 2:7](#)).

Conclusion

1. We must be a thankful people.
2. We must employ thanksgiving in our prayers.
3. We must use thanksgiving to guard against sin.