

GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN EVERYTHING!

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

INTRODUCTION: Our God does not want us miserable and depressed in this life: Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:18. The theme of having a thankful heart is woven like a golden ribbon throughout the fabric of Scripture. 1 Peter 5:7: We are told to turn to our God in faith with thanksgiving during all the seasons of life: Psalm 46:1-3; Hebrews 4:15-16. Our Lord is looking for those who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth: John 4:23-24; Ephesians 5:20; John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18.

I. WE ARE TO PRAISE AND GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD EVERY MORNING AND NIGHT!

Psalm 92:1-2: Our praise and thanksgiving should “bookend” our every day! The Apostle Paul and Silas give us a wonderful example to follow: Acts 16:22-25; Philippians 1:29-30; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 119:62.

II. WE NEED TO PRAISE AND GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD EVERYTIME WE EAT!

As Christians we can and should give thanks to our Lord every time we eat. Romans 14:6. When we chose to give thanks to our God for each meal He gives us we are simply acknowledging what the Bible says is true: James 1:16-17.

III. WE NEED TO GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD EVERY TIME WE PRAY!

As hard as it may seem we must get in the habit of giving thanks and praise to our God whenever we approach Him in prayer! Search your Bible; you will not find prayer without praise and thanksgiving. Biblical praying is always girded up and surrounded by praise and thanksgiving: Psalm 100:1-5; Colossians 4:2. If we would learn to say “thank you” to our God for every blessing we would soon find ourselves continually giving thanks to Him.

IV. WE NEED TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE IN EVERY WORD AND DEED!

This idea of giving thanks and praise to God in every word and deed we do is strange to us because we simply do not obey the Word of God as we should! Colossians 3:17. Our problem with this command is that since we don’t do the first part of the verse we never follow through to do the second part of the verse.

V. WE NEED TO GIVE OUR LORD THANKS AND PRAISE NOW AND FOR ALL ETERNITY!

We are commanded to give thanks to our God at all times: Ephesians 5:20. There will be no day set aside for thanks giving in heaven because thanksgiving will be continual in heaven: Revelations 11:15-17; Psalm 89:1-2. If you need help with giving the Lord the praise and thanksgiving due Him just start practicing every day for the rest of your life: Psalm 61:1-3. All through the Bible we are told that a thankful heart will be a happy heart: Proverbs 15:15-17. Philippians 1:29;

Romans 8:16-18. We all need to get a Biblical mindset!