

# Having A Grateful Attitude At All Times

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I realize that Thanksgiving just went by, and my goodness, when we turn on the radio in the car, there's so much talk about Thanksgiving and how much we could save on Thanksgiving week! They spoke about everything else but the actual meaning behind the holiday! We all know that the creators of the holiday intentions were to be grateful to God for blessings received in those hard times. They wanted to honor God and not indulge men.

The act of thanking God is something practiced for over three thousand years. King David wrote in Psa. 107:20-23, "He spoke the word that healed you, that pulled you back from the brink of death. So thank God for His marvelous love, for His miracle mercy to the children He loves; offer thanksgiving sacrifices, tell the world what He's done—sing it out!" These verses contain such powerful truths, and this my friends is what Thanksgiving is all about; honoring God for coming through in our lives

Apostle Paul later said this, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15. This tells me that gratitude is a choice we make. It's a command to obey, for the Bible tells us, "Be thankful."

Remembering and reflecting on God's goodness is one of the blessings of thanksgiving. Take a moment and think about a situation or situations that are causing you distress. Somewhere among the feelings of hurt, anger, fear or anxiety—somewhere—there are some things for which we can be thankful. What are they? List them, thank God for them, and let the peace of God rule in your heart. I believe that King David, the Apostle Paul, and the Pilgrims all had one thing in common that we can learn from: "Thanksgiving is all about God's goodness to us and not self-indulgence!"

Let's keep a year-round grateful attitude towards our God! At the end of the day when we reflect upon every moment of our lives, there will always be something to be thankful about and worthy of giving Him Praises!

In His service, your fellow servant,

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