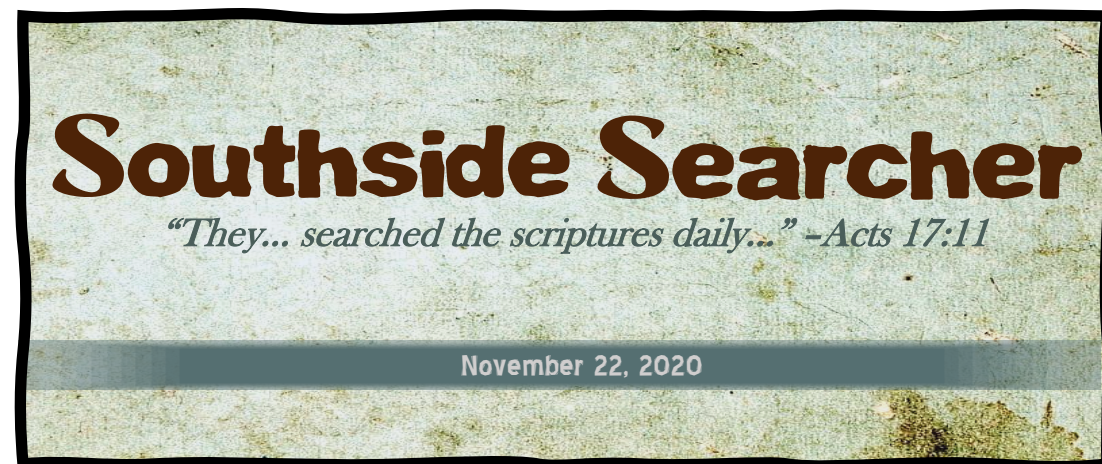


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## “In Everything Give Thanks”

*“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

I LOVE GRATEFUL PEOPLE, don't you? It's always nice to hear someone say “Thank you” for a kindness given. What's more, it's nice to have them thank you just for being the person you are. This is always encouraging.

Those who say, “thank you” often are generally great encouragers. God wants us to be grateful people. The theme of thankfulness is saturated into the pages of scripture.

Too often we get into the spoiled-child mode. We grumble and complain while we are surrounded by blessings that most in the world will never know. God has richly blessed us both spiritually and materially. Let's not allow those blessings to fuel a spirit of entitlement inside of us.

Let us learn to be great thankers. Let us express our gratefulness often to others, and most importantly, to God. For God has blessed us richly with all spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). He has blessed us with salvation! Be thankful!

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# How Giving Thanks Helps

Thanksgiving is a recurring theme throughout the Bible. God wants us to express our gratitude to Him often. Sure, it's a command, but there are many benefits we receive when we give thanks...

**Develop Your Attitude.** Giving thanks for our rich blessings helps us develop an "attitude of gratitude." This enables us to eradicate those feelings of bitterness, anger, resentment, that grips the hearts of many. We are told to put away "all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking" (Ephesians 4:31-32). Becoming thankful people will give us grateful dispositions toward God and men. No wonder God stresses that giving of thanks should be made for all men (1 Timothy 2:1)

**Displace Your Anxiety.** As Americans, we're the most blessed people on earth. Ironically, we're also the most anxious. Many are consumed with anxiety, and frozen with fear. There are anxious times but going to God with thanksgiving eases our minds. Sadly, many are more apt to take a pill rather than turn to prayer. Some put more faith in stress management classes and "Psychological gurus" than they do in the concept of "Take it to the Lord in prayer." God tells us what to do in anxious times – Be thankful! "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). Note the phrase, "With Thanksgiving."

**Determine Your Actions.** Ungrateful people are less friendly and sharing as those with grateful dispositions. Show me someone who is stingy with their possessions and I'll show you someone who is ungrateful for his blessings. A grateful heart is a generous heart. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to give aid to those in dire need. He concluded with, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). It feels good to give and to share. Truly, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). As a child, I got more joy out of opening my gifts from others; now, I get more joy out of watching others open their gifts from me. Be Thankful!

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*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations."*

-Psalm 100:4-5

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"*

-Philippians 4:6

*"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,"*

-Ephesians 5:20

*"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord."*

-Psalm 116:17

*"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,"*

-1 Timothy 2:1

*"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

*"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;"*

-Colossians 4:2

*"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."*

-1 Timothy 4:4-5

*"Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name."*

-1 Chronicles 29:13