



God's Guide to a Grateful Heart
November 14-15, 2020

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“My life is a gift from God, but what I do with my life is my gift to God.”

Why be grateful to God?

1 **Because of who God is.**

Psalm 145:3 (ICB)

The Lord is great. He is worthy of our praise. No one can understand how great he is.

Psalm 107:8 (NIV)

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind...

Psalm 7:17 (NLT)

I will thank the LORD because he is just; I will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 18:1-2 (NIV)

I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

2 **Because of what God has done.**

Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

God's Guide to a Grateful Life

Colossians 3:15-17 (HCSB)

And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Method = Rest in the confident reality that when Jesus rules in my heart, I have peace.

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Ephesians 1:13-14 (ICB)

So it is with you. You heard the true teaching—the Good News about your salvation. When you heard it, you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his special mark on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he had promised. That Holy Spirit is the guarantee that we will get what God promised for his people. This will bring full freedom to the people who belong to God, to bring praise to God's glory.

The Message = realize I must become a spirit and Scripture-filled instrument of wisdom and worship.

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2 Timothy 2:21 (HCSB)

So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ICB)

You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in you. You have received the Holy Spirit from God. You do not own yourselves. You were bought by God for a price. So honor God with your bodies.

The Messiah = Relinquish everything I do to the Lord with a grateful heart.

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Deuteronomy 10:14-15 (NLT)

“Look, the highest heavens and the earth and everything in it all belong to the LORD your God. Yet the LORD chose your ancestors as the objects of his love. And he chose you, their descendants, above all other nations, as is evident today.”

Galatians 5:13-15 (MSG)

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 (ICB)

This service that you do helps the needs of God's people. It is also bringing more and more thanks to God. This service you do is a proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because of it. They will praise God because you follow the Good News of Christ—the gospel you say you believe. They will praise God because you freely share with them and with all others.



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