
Thanksgiving...
Turning a holiday into a lifestyle
Psalm 100:4–5

Psalm 100

What should thankful believers do?

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.
Psalm 100:1-2

Know that (1) the Lord [Yahweh יְהוָה] Himself is God [Elohim אֱלֹהִים] ; (2) it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; (3) we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:3

As followers of Yeshua, we KNOW that Yahweh Elohim is our:

- Creator
- Owner
- Shepherd

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. Psalm 100:4

- Notice the action verbs
- Thanksgiving should be filled with action not just emotion

Why be active at Thanksgiving?

For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5

Last week…

Do we make it a priority to be thankful?

As He [Jesus] entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were going, they were cleansed. Luke 17:12-14

Now **one** of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. Luke 17:15-16a

- Ten people were hurting and cried out to Jesus
- Ten people of differing backgrounds were loved and accepted by the Jewish Messiah Jesus
- Only one of ten made the effort to be thankful and worshipped the Healer

Am I thankful today?

- Am I thankful despite my struggles and pain?
- Am I thankful no matter my background or past?
- Am I thankful that Jesus hears me when I cry out?
- Am I thankful that Jesus notices my hurts?
- Am I thankful because Jesus can heal me?
- Am I thankful because Jesus can save me?

In what circumstances am I to be thankful?

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- The English word “in” is the Greek preposition ἐν which could be translated as “in” or “with” or “through”

FOR WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL TODAY?

Life
Children
Health
A place to live
Food to eat
The Word of God
Love
Salvation

Spouse
Friends
A job
Our nation
Opportunities
A church home
Hope
Eternal Life


What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday.
FAITH REMEDY

How does “Thanksgiving” become a lifestyle?

How can we be thankful next week and next month?

Colossians 3

Therefore if [because] you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking [strive for, fix attention on] the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

Because we were raised with Christ, we should act just as Jesus did when He was resurrected.

· After His resurrection, Jesus left the tomb. So should we – we don't live there any more.

· After His resurrection, Jesus spent His remaining time being with and ministering to His disciples. So should we – live our lives to be with and to serve one another.

· After His resurrection, Jesus lived in supernatural power with the ability to do impossible things. So should we – with the power and the enabling of the Holy Spirit.

· After His resurrection, Jesus looked forward to heaven, knowing He would soon enough ascend there. So should we – recognizing that our citizenship is in heaven.

- David Guzik

Set your mind on [concentrate on] the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2

- Paul "was saying that life *in* this world will be better if it is lived by a power *beyond* this world, the power of the resurrected, ascended, glorified Christ." – Bible Knowledge Commentary
- "Earthly things' are not all evil, but some of them are. Even things harmless in themselves become harmful if permitted to take the place that should be reserved for the things above." – Curtis Vaughan - https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/colossians-3/

For you have died [to the flesh] and your life is hidden [concealed, safe] with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory [the upcoming Rapture]. Colossians 3:3-4

[Author Apostle Paul turns from theory to practice…]

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed [coveting], which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. Colossians 3:5-7

But now you also, put them all aside [throw off]: anger, wrath [rage], malice, slander, and abusive [filthy] speech from your mouth. Colossians 3:8

- If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless. James 1:26

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being [constantly] renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him [see Genesis 1:27]
Colossians 3:9-10

a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but **Christ** [Messiah] **is all, and in all**. Colossians 3:11

- Worldly distinctions: national, religious, cultural, economic, social
- "The new man is part of a family, which favors no race, nationality, class, culture or ethnicity. It only favors Jesus, because in this new family, Christ is all and in all." – David Guzik
- "The meaning is not that among believers there is existentially no such thing as a Jew or a Gentile, but that such distinctions must not become a ground for discrimination" - Jewish New Testament Commentary

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on** a heart of compassion [tender sympathy], kindness [benevolence in action], humility, gentleness [meekness] and patience [self-restraint]; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Colossians 3:12-13

Thankful People Are Humble People

We can say that **humility** (which was *not* considered a virtue among the ancient Greeks) is the "parent" of both meekness and longsuffering. Meekness shows how humility will affect my *actions* towards others; I will not dominate, manipulate, or coerce for my own ends, even if I have the power and the ability. Longsuffering shows how humility will affect my *reaction* towards others; I will not become impatient, short, or filled with resentment towards the weaknesses and sins of others. – David Guzik

Beyond all these things **put on** love [agape ἀγάπη], which is the perfect bond of unity. Colossians 3:14

- Put on the “outer garment” of love

- https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/colossians-3/

Let the peace of Christ rule [arbitrate, judge, decide, control] in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful [Greek adjective εὐχάριστος *eucharistos*]. Colossians 3:15

- An attitude of gratitude contributes to an enjoyment of spiritual tranquility, whereas grumbling makes for inner agitation.

  – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts



Let the word of Christ [God's Word, the Bible] richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness [Greek noun χάρις *charis*… grace] in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks [Greek noun εὐχαριστέω *eucharisteo*] through Him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17

- Keep seeking the things above (heaven)
- Set your mind on the things above (heaven)
- Consider your earthly body as dead to sins from your past
- Put aside evil speech
- Do not lie
- Put on the new self
- Put on a heart of compassion and patience
- Forgive each other
- Put on love
- Let the peace of Christ rule your heart
- Be thankful
- Teach one another
- Do it all in the name of Jesus
- Give thanks

Our "Be Thankful" To Do List

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