



Sunday Morning, November 20, 2022 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Be Different, Be Thankful

Message Text: 2 Timothy 3:2

Introduction:

God calls on His children to be different. Our world is full of darkness, but in Christ we are light and we must determine to live as light. In this season of Thanksgiving, we have the incredible opportunity to truly be different and shine our light by being thankful.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1. The Reality of _____

2 Timothy 3:1–5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

DEFINITION—PERILOUS: grievous, burdensome

DEFINITION—UNTHANKFUL: ungrateful; not feeling or expressing gratitude.

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Matthew 12:34 ...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

UNGRATEFULNESS IS AN INDICATION OF A _____ - _____
CULTURE.

Romans 1:20–21 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

UNGRATEFULNESS IS AN INDICATION OF A _____ HEART
TOWARD GOD.

Psalm 106:7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; But provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Judges 8:33–35 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. 34 And the children of Israel remembered not the Lord their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: 35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

QUOTE: When gratitude dies on the altar of a man's heart, that man is well-nigh hopeless. — Dr. Bob Jones Sr.

Psalm 103:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits:

2. Our _____ to Ingratitude

Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

NOTE: This verse is found in the Sermon on the Mount given by Christ. The sermon has a literal application for the coming kingdom when Jesus rules. It will be the constitution of the Kingdom. It also explains the type of rulership God wants to build in the lives of His followers today.

DEFINITION—KIND: gently pleasant; soft and mild (and pleasant); not harsh or stern or severe.

Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

3. A _____ of Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

HELPS FOR THANKFULNESS

1. CHECK YOUR _____ TOWARD GOD.
2. _____ YOUR BLESSINGS. (*Psalms 103:2*)
3. EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE — _____ AND

(*Luke 17:15–18, Philippians 1:3–5, Acts 27:35*)

QUOTE: The pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts—
nevertheless, [they] set aside a day of thanksgiving. —H. W. Westermeyer

Conclusion

QUOTE: So much has been given to me that I have no time to ponder that which I don't have. —Helen Keller

QUOTE: Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.—
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Questions to Consider

Is my perspective of God marked by a “You owe me” or “I owe you” attitude?

Do I count every blessing from God as over and above what I truly deserve.

Do I track the blessings of God in my life?

Is it my practice to express vocal or written gratitude?

Resource for developing Gratitude in my Life and Family

40 Days of Praise — by Paul Chappell



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