

God is FOR YOU
Part 3 – So You Can Be Thankful
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Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ESV

A. Thanksgiving: A Vital Ingredient of Prayer

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. NIV

thanksgiving – (eucharistia) gratitude and giving thanks.

B. What Keeps Us From Being Thankful?

An attitude of pride, self-sufficiency. A hard heart. An attitude of entitlement. Am I taking God for granted?

C. What Do We Thank God For?

- He is with us in our problems. (Matt 28:20b)
- He can use our troubles for our good. (Rom 8:28a)
- He gives us the victory over our worries. (1 Cor 15:57)
- We thank God for who He is.

D. The Importance of Being Thankful

1. Being grateful to God is God's will for my life at all times.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ESV

will – (thelema) will, desire, pleasure.

2. Being grateful to God reminds me that I need Him.

Psalms 16:5 No, the LORD is all I need. He takes care of me. NCV

3. Being grateful to God reminds me that He is my source. (1 Corinthians 8:6)

Romans 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. [For all things originate with Him and come from Him; all things live through Him, and all things center in and tend to consummate and to end in Him.] To Him be glory forever! Amen (so be it). AMP

(Psalm 89:1; Psalm 24:1)

4. Being grateful to God reminds me that God is working in my life.

Psalm 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. NIV

Psalm 138:8a The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;ESV (Rom 8:28a)

5. A grateful attitude is an attitude of humility and God blesses the humble.

Psalm 25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way. AMP

Psalm 149:4 For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. NIV

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. ESV

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." NIV

6. Being grateful to God brings joy to my life.

Psalm 107:22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! ESV

Isaiah 51:3 The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. NIV

Jeremiah 30:19 There will be joy and songs of thanksgiving, and I will multiply my people, not diminish them; I will honor them, not despise them. NLT

