

The Chief Enemies of Thanksgiving

1. A fallen, rebellious heart (Rom. 1:21)
2. A false sense of entitlement that springs from an inflated sense of self-worth (Lam. 3:39)
3. A pattern of complaining and grumbling (Ex. 16:7-8; Num. 14:27, 29)

Three Results of Being Filled by the Spirit

1. A Love for God-centered Music (19)
2. A Pattern of Thankfulness (20)
3. A Heart of Submission (21)

Thanksgiving: *Another* Fruit of the Spirit

Ephesians 5:20

I. Why Should We Give Thanks?

- A. Ingratitude is a terrible sin against God (Luke 6:35; Rom. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:2).
- B. Scripture assigns a high value to thanksgiving (Ps. 50:23; 69:30-31; Col. 2:6-7).
- C. God commands us to give thanks (Ps. 50:14; Col. 3:15-17; 1 Th. 5:18).

II. What Does It Mean to Give Thanks?

III. When Should We Give Thanks?

- A. Daily in private worship (Dan. 6:10)
- B. In all our prayers (Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2)
- C. Before meals (John 6:11; Acts 27:35; 1 Tim. 4:3-4)
- D. In corporate worship (Ps. 35:18; 42:4; 122:4; 100:4; 1 Ch. 16:4, 7; 2 Ch. 5:13; 7:6; 31:2; Neh. 11:17; 1 Cor. 14:16-17; Col. 3:16)

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IV. For What Should We Give Thanks?

A. “For All Things”

1. For everything good we enjoy
2. For everything consistent with His will and plan
 - For His Person & Work
 - For His Spiritual Blessings
3. For the fact God can bring good even out of evil circumstances contrary to His commands and nature

B. “For All People” (1 Tim. 2:1)

V. To Whom Should We Give Thanks?

VI. How Should We Give Thanks?