



A BETTER "YES" • Group Guide • Part 3 of 4 • #wesayyesperiod

When God thinks about us, He doesn't waver. He does not say, "Yes" one day, and "No" another. Because God is consistent in his promises, some 7,457 promises that He has made to us in His Word, we should be so grateful. In this message, Pastor Darryn Scheske called us to say "YES" to gratitude, which is not a one-time event. It's a way of thinking and a way of living. It's what helps us turn toward God rather than complaining about what we don't have. The happiest people on earth are grateful people. But in order to practice gratitude we must learn to say, "NO" to when/then thinking ("When *this* happen, *then* I'll be happy"). Instead we learn to say, "YES" to generous thinking and "YES" to a life focused on making a difference for eternity with our time, our talent, our touch, and our treasure. The value of life isn't determined by how much we achieve or accumulate but by how much of our life we give away.

Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:14-16)

*The world of the generous gets larger and larger;
the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. (Proverbs 11:24 MSG)*

Discussion Questions

1. Name five things you're currently grateful for. Why are you grateful for each of these things?
2. How would your friends or family categorize you—as a thankful person or someone who complains a lot? Would you agree with their assessment? Why or why not?
3. Read Psalm 118:24. Too often, we go through life thinking, "When _____ happens, then I'll be happy. But this results in us postponing our own joy and wishing our lives away. In what areas of your life are you operating with a "When/Then" mentality? How can you rejoice and be glad today?"
4. What places and ways could you use your time, talent, touch, and treasure for the benefit of others?

Prayer Focus

What can I give back to GOD for the blessings he's poured out on me? (Psalm 116:12)

Pastor Craig Groschel said, "Every blessing that isn't turned into praise will turn into pride." Each day this week, take a little time each morning to list out five blessings in your life. Turn that list into a prayer of thanksgiving

Next Steps

1. Make a conscious effort to practice gratitude this week. Each morning, as you drive to work, drink your coffee, or wash the dishes, thank God for five different things. Notice how this practice impacts your attitude, mindset, and overall well-being throughout the day.
2. If you are not on the Dream Team, consider going through the Growth Track on Sundays to find out how you can use your time and talent to be generous to others.
3. Commit one or two scripture verses from this lesson to memory this week.

Leader Tip

Consider sharing the story of how generosity has impacted in your life and/or how you use your time, talent, touch, and/or treasure to leave a legacy of generosity.



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