

FIVE WAYS TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PSALM 107:22

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I. INTRODUCTION

a. **But some would say, “I have nothing to be thankful for this year”**

b. **Example of Young Couple (Adrain Rogers)**

- i. Beautiful couple in their 20s with a beautiful baby Crying because nothing is working for us, they said they had nothing.
- ii. I asked, “You don’t have anything?”. He said, No sir,
 1. Hmm.
- iii. you Healthy
 1. Yes
 2. Billionaires who would give their last cent to have what you have right now, a healthy body. You have health.
- iv. Do you love one another?
 1. yes sir, we are very much in love
 2. Many couples who would give the house they live in away if they could just have love restored to their marriage. You have love.
- v. Are you American Citizens?
 1. Oh yes sire we are.
 2. There are people all over the world who are leaving homes, money, possessions behind just to get to where you are. They are spending thousands of dollars just to become what you already are. An American.
- vi. How old are you?
 1. 25
 2. Old people all over the world who would give all their fortunes just to be 25 again
- vii. Is that your Baby?
 1. How much would you take for him? 100, a thousand, a million, He is not for sale.
 2. You have a million-dollar baby there.
 3. Yes, you do have something.

c. **Psalm 107:21-22 (NKJV)**

²¹ *Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And*

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for His wonderful works to the children of men!

²² *Let them sacrifice the **sacrifices of thanksgiving**, And declare His works with rejoicing.*

d. What is a “Sacrifice?”

i. Something of value that you possess and offer up to someone

II. **THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR PERSON**

a. *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1 (NKJV)*

b. **The Motivation of it** “The Mercies of God”

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
**love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.***

c. **The Manner of it**

i. We do it **Willingly** “you present”

1. We must do this ourselves. God does not force us.

ii. We do it **Completely** “bodies a living sacrifice”

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1. We must have commitment to the Lord just as a sacrifice is “committed” we also must be wholly committed to the Lord

2. See, Hear, Taste, Touch,

III. THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR PRAISE

- a. *15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. Heb 13:15 (NKJV)*

- i. We Praise God **Continually** “continually”

- b. PSALM 100

- i. We Praise God **Loudly** “make a joyful shout”
 - ii. We Praise God **Gladly** “serve the Lord with gladness”
 - iii. We Praise God **Intelligently** “know that the Lord, He is God”
 - iv. We Praise God **Humbly** “It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves”
 - v. We Praise God **Submissively** “We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture”
 - vi. We Praise God **Thankfully** “Enter into His courts with thanksgiving....Be thankful to Him...”
 - vii. We Praise God **Confidently** “For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generation”
- c. *1 Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. Psalms 111:1 (NKJV)*
- d. *33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Psalms 104:33 (NKJV)*

IV. THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR PRAYERS

- a. *2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalms 141:2 (NKJV)*
 - i. *8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Rev 5:8 (NKJV)*

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- b. *8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 1 Tim 2:8 (NKJV)*

V. **THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR POSSESSIONS**

- a. *16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb 13:15-16 (NKJV)*

i. We Give **Worshipfully** “sacrifices”

1. Giving is an act of worship

- b. *6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Cor 9:6-8 (NKJV)*

i. We Give **Generously** “sows bountifully will reap bountifully”

ii. We Give **Willingly** “not grudgingly or of necessity”

iii. We Give **Cheerfully** “a cheerful giver”

- c. *And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. Mal 1:8 (NKJV)*

i. We Give **Sacrificially** “when you offer the blind...lame and sick..”

1. True Giving is not giving our “surplus” or “extra stuff we don’t need” to God. True giving is not cleaning out your closet and giving those old clothes and toys to the Salvation Army, but it is giving of your best to God

2. *Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. 42 Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. 43 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in*

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*more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44
"for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out
of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole
livelihood." Mark 12:41-44 (NKJV)*

- d. 9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. Prov 3:9-10 (NKJV)
 - i. We Give **Regularly** "first fruits of all your increase"
 - ii. We Give **Expectantly** "So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine"

VI. THE SACRIFICE OF YOUR PENITENCE

- a. (regret for one's wrongdoing or sinning; contrition; repentance.)
- b. Or a Broken Spirit from sorrow, grief, or trouble.
- c. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise. Psalms 51:17 (NKJV)
- d. 1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word. Isaiah 66:1-2 (NKJV)
- e. One of the Greatest sacrifices we can make to be broken and repentant of our sins against God. Will you make that sacrifice today?