

“Thanksgiving”

Colossians 2:6-7

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Introduction:

- A. Thanksgiving Day is an important holiday for our country because of the _____ it represents.
- B. The history of Thanksgiving Day...
1. _____, Governor of Plymouth, 1623.
 2. _____, President, 1789.
 3. _____, Editor and Writer, 1828.
 4. _____, President, 1863.

I. What is Thankfulness?

- A. Thankfulness is the feeling of being _____ or _____. (Cambridge)
- B. Thankfulness is feeling or expressing _____; _____. (Dictionary.com)
- C. Thankful: conscious of _____ received; expressive of _____. (Merriam-Webster)

II. Why Should We Be Thankful?

- A. Because God _____ us to be thankful. (Col. 2:6-7; 3:15; 4:2)
- B. Because _____ characterizes the _____. (2 Tim. 3:1-2)
- C. Because it _____ us towards _____.

III. When Should We Be Thankful?

- A. Truth is that God wants us to be thankful _____ the _____. (1 Thess. 5:18)

IV. How Can We Become Thankful People?

- A. First, _____ Precedes Thanking.
1. Story of Matthew Henry
 2. Quote from Helen Keller
- B. Second, _____ Prevents Thankfulness.
1. Henry Ward Beecher, “A _____ man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.”
 2. The _____ person understands that who they are and what they have has come from God as a gift and a blessing.
 3. The _____ person realizes they have received far more than they deserve which helps with contentment.

Conclusion:

- A. Peanuts Comic with _____ and _____.
- B. _____ Your _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. attitude. B.1. William, Bradford. B.2. George, Washington. B.3. Sarah, Hale. B.4. Abraham, Lincoln. I.A. happy, grateful. I.B. gratitude, appreciative. I.C. benefit, thanks. II.A. commands. II.B. thanklessness, unspiritual. II.C. moves, God. III.A. all, time. IV.A. Thinking. IV.B. Pride. IV.B.1. proud. IV.B.2. humble. IV.B.3. humble. Concl.A. Lucy, Linus. B. Count, Blessings.