LEARNING TO BE THANKFUL
PSALMS 116:17 / 11-19-17 / A.M.

I. FIRST, KING DAVID TEACHES US THAT THANKSGIVING ISN’T A FEELING.

A. King David reminds us that thankfulness is an act of the will.

B. The Bible says we should thank God whether we feel like it or not—Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18; 2 Thess. 2:13.

   Ephesians 5:20
   Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything..............

   1 Thessalonians 5:18
   Give thanks in all circumstances..............

   2 Thessalonians 2:13
   But we ought always to thank God..............

II. SECOND, KING DAVID TEACHES US THAT THANKSGIVING IS A SACRIFICE.

A. King David said, “I will sacrifice a thank offering to you.”

B. The point is that expressing thanks should cost us something.

III. THIRD, KING DAVID TEACHES US THAT THESE SAME PRINCIPLES APPLY TO OUR THANKS TO GOD.

A. We should thank God whether we feel like it or not.

   1. Sometimes we don’t feel like thanking God because He didn’t answer our prayer.

   2. At other times we don’t thank God because we don’t think we have to.

B. It should also cost us something when we offer God our thanks. This is what King David said—“I will sacrifice a thank offering to you.”

C. What can we give to God that costs us something?

   1. We can give God our time.

   2. We can also give God our money.