

**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