

Thanks Living

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Tabernacle of praise of Manteca

Some people are complainers, some are praisers. The question today is which one am I, and which one are you? It's amazing sometimes when we take the time to think about it how different people can experience the same circumstance and react totally different. One will gripe and complain while the other will take it in stride and find something good to say regardless of the situation. Let's look at the Word of God today and see which one of those we should attempt to become.

1 Thess. 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

I. The will of God

- **A. Sometimes it is clear, sometimes it isn't but in this case it is crystal clear "GIVE THANKS"**
- **B. If we gripe, we are outside of the will of God, even when things are bad and give us a good reason to gripe**

II. Generation of Ingratitude

A. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

1* ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- **B. Time to "Break away from the Norm"**
 - 1. Be a trend setter- Be a Praiser and a Giver of Thanks**
 - a. At home**
 - b. At the office**
 - c. In your neighborhood**
 - 2. Let your light shine - Be different**
 - a. Don't just follow the crowd, (ugly, nasty day) - this is a wonderful**

day

b. It's not going to be easy but be careful and catch yourself

III. God is worthy of our Praise and Thanksgiving

- **A. Psalm 100**
Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.
- **B. God is Good, God is Good, He's good all the time!**

IV. Our response to Him who deserves our Thanks

- **A. GIVE HIM THANKS**
- **B. Let Him be the LORD of your Life**
- **C. Let Praise and Thanks giving become your lifestyle**
- **D. Don't just say it, DO IT**
- *Jas 1:22* But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves*

V. A Call to Thanks Living

- **This Thanksgiving and Every Day be Full of Thanks and give Thanks and Praise to God even in the midst of struggle and frustration. Don't let the troubles of this life get your focus off of the good things that God has done in your life. We all have so much to be thankful for. Be Thankful!**
- **"There's a roof up above me, I've a good place to sleep, there is food on my table, and shoes on my feet; You gave me your love Lord, and a fine family, Thank You Lord, for your blessings on me!~"**

- ***HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE Pastor Richardson's Family ! GOD BLESS!***

