

Growing in Gratitude

November Sermon Series

The Poison of Ingratitude

Lesson Four

**Ingratitude is a deadly poison
that contaminates the air we
breathe.**

“Ingratitude” is “forgetfulness of, or poor return for, kindness received,” not appreciating or valuing what you have or have been given.

**“One of humanity’s most
common character traits is
ingratitude.”**

**A Main Accelerator of
Ingratitude Is *Commercialism*.**

Matthew 16:26, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

**1. THE POISON OF INGRATITUDE
IS A SIGN OF DANGEROUS TIMES.**

II Timothy 3:1-4, “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”

Ingratitude is a DEADLY SIN!

**2. THE POISON OF INGRATITUDE
CAN BE DESTRUCTIVE.**

Deuteronomy 28:47-48 (NKJV), Because you serve not the LORD your God with *joyfulness*, and with GLADNESS OF HEART, for the *abundance* of all things; therefore shall you serve your enemies which the LORD shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon your neck, until he have destroyed you.

**3. THE POISON OF INGRATITUDE
WILL LEAD TO A HEART DISTANCE
TOWARD GOD.**

Romans 1:21-22, 28, "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or *give thanks* to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools ... And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done."

THREE REASONS FOR INGRATITUDE:

1. Pride

1 Corinthians 4:7 (AMP), For who regards you as superior or what sets you apart as special? What do you have that you did not receive [from another]? And if in fact you received it [from God or someone else], why do you boast as if you had not received it [but had gained it by yourself]?

2. Dissatisfaction

Philippians 4:11 (AMP), Not that I speak from [any personal] need, for I have learned to be content [and self-sufficient through Christ, satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or uneasy] regardless of my circumstances.

3. Carelessness

**I Thessalonians 5:18 (AMP),
In every situation [no matter
what the circumstances] be
thankful
and continually give thanks to
God; for this is the will of God
for you in Christ Jesus.**

**THANKSGIVING COMBATS THE
SIN OF INGRATITUDE.**

Psalm 140:13, "Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall dwell in your presence."

**THE CHOICE IS YOURS TO
FULFILL GOD'S WILL**

THREE COMMANDS:

Rejoice ever more. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. “REJOICE EVERMORE.”

**“Rejoice in the Lord always. I
will say it again: Rejoice!”
Philippians 4:4**

2. “PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.”

**That men always ought to pray
and not lose heart. Luke 18:1**

**3. “IN EVERYTHING GIVE
THANKS.”**

**"A state of mind that sees God
in everything is evidence of
growth in grace and a thankful
heart."**