



LIVING THANKFULLY

Thanksgiving Eve

People who live with an attitude of gratitude are known to live longer, sleep better, and have increased productivity and happier lives.

The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians

**FIVE WAYS YOU CAN BE AND LIVE
THANKFUL:**

1. BE THANKFUL FOR PEOPLE

Colossians 1:1-4 (NKJV), Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother. To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints.

II Thessalonians 1:3, We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater.

**When was the last time you have
thanked God for the Christian
people in your life?**

“Never fail to appreciate someone who cares for you. Just because they are always in your life to help in some way, never fail to give thanks or recognition. To value someone or something too lightly is a risk no one should take.”

2. BE THANKFUL FOR SALVATION

Colossians 1:12, Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

**Psalm 118:21 (NIV), I will give
thanks, for you answered me;
You have become my salvation.**

**Have you thanked God for your
salvation, recently?**

**II Corinthians 9:15 (ESV), Thanks
be to God for His inexpressible
gift!**

If you do not value your salvation, you will underestimate the need to love other people with the same love God has loved you with.

3. BE THANKFUL IN LIFE

Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV), As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

**Is your entire life characterized
by thanksgiving and gratitude?**

**“God created humanity for
gratitude. You exist to appreciate
God.”**

4. BE THANKFUL IN WORSHIP

Colossians 3:15-17 (NKJV) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Do you minister with gratitude in your heart?

Do you seek to honor God and admonish others through worship?

**“Worship is simply giving God
His breathe back.”**

“Worship is the heart poured out in gratitude and awe, expressing our appreciation of who He is and what He has done for us by His grace through Jesus Christ.”

5. BE THANKFUL IN PRAYER

**Colossians 4:2 (NKJV),
Continue earnestly in prayer,
being vigilant in it with
thanksgiving.**

Do you get off track in your prayer life? Have you thought about just retreating to thanking God for all He gives you?

“If the only prayer you ever say in your life is thank you that would suffice.”

**“Do not think of the things
you did not get after praying.
Think of the countless
blessings God gave you
without asking.”**