

LESSON TITLE: The Power of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Eve Lesson: The Power of Thanksgiving



"When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup."



Scripture Lesson: Colossians 2:6-7

**Colossians 2:6-7, As you
therefore have 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**



**Five things that
THANKSGIVING
has the POWER to
do:**



1. Thanksgiving has the Power to turn a Crisis into Deeper Intimacy with God.



Psalm 106:1-2, Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord? Who can ever praise Him enough?



**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18,
Rejoice always, pray
continually, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is
God's will for you in Christ
Jesus.**



2. Thanksgiving has the Power to Reinterpret a Difficult Circumstance.



James 1:2, Count it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials.



**Consider hardships as deposits
into our lives, not
withdrawals.**



**3. Thanksgiving has
the Power to Bring
Peace to Our Hearts.**



Colossians 3:15, Let the peace of Christ [the inner calm of one who walks daily with Him] be the controlling factor in your hearts [deciding and settling questions that arise]. To this peace indeed you were called as members in one body [of believers]. And be thankful [to God always].



**"True peace comes not from
the absence of trouble, but
from the presence of God."
Alexander MacLaren**

**4. Thanksgiving has
the Power to Grow
Our Contentment.**



1 Timothy 6:6-8, Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So, if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

**"Gratitude turns what we
have into enough."**

**5. Thanksgiving has
the Power to
Increase Our Joy.**



Psalm 126:1-3, When the Lord brought back His exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a dream! We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, 'What amazing things the Lord has done for them.' Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!

“Joy is the hopeful confidence we have from knowing and trusting God regardless of the circumstances.”

Dave Erickson

**“THANK YOU is the
best prayer anyone
can pray.”**