

Building a Life of Gratitude

SERIES: THANKS & GIVING – Part 1

I GIVE THANKS TO GOD...

1. BY SINGING TO HIM

"Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God..."

Psalm 147:7 (LB)

"Shout with joy to the Lord. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His... Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name... For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever...!" Psalm 100 (NLT)

2. BY PRAYING TO HIM

"Give thanks to the Lord and pray to Him." Psalm 105:1 (NCV)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:6-7 (NLT)

3. BY GIVING TO HIM

"Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give Him what you promised." Psalm 50:14 (NCV)

*"...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)*

"Celebrate the Harvest Festival, to honor the Lord your God by bringing Him a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing He has given you. Be joyful in the Lord's presence, together with your children..." Deuteronomy 16:10-11 (GN)

"Now, our God, we thank You... These things did not really come from me and my people. Everything comes from You; we have only given You back what You gave us... Lord, we have gathered all this to build your Temple. But everything has come from You and everything belongs to You. You test people's hearts and You are happy when people do what is right. I am happy to give all these things, and I gave with an honest heart. And Your people gathered here are happy to give to You too, and we rejoice to see their giving." 1 Chronicles 29:13-16 (NCV)

4. BY SHARING MY TESTIMONY ABOUT HIM

"Thank the Lord! Praise His name! Tell the world about His wondrous love and how mighty He is!" Isaiah 12:4 (LB)

"Be very careful to never forget what you've seen God doing for you. May His miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles He did." Deuteronomy 4:9 (LB)

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God..." Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

The Power of Thanksgiving: Acts 16:22-34