Thanksgiving

Ken Chapman · Psalm 100

INTRODUCTION

- 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.
- We have a nation that takes a day off in thanksgiving unto God, recognizing the imperfections that we have and yet thanking God for the many blessings that we have.

1 Thanksgiving Is Timeless

1 Thessalonians 5:17–18; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Matthew 6:11

- It is not just simply one day out of the year that we are to give thanks unto God, but we are to give thanks unto God on a daily basis.
- In everything give thanks unto the Lord, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- If we have blessings constantly in this life, we ought to be giving thanks unto God constantly in this life.

2 Give Thanks Heartfelt and Sincere

Ephesians 6:6; Philippians 1:10

- You need to give your heart unto the Lord as far as your thanksgiving is concerned.
- Not with eye service as men pleasers, but as the servant of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
- You think concerning us and the bounty that we have within this life and how sincere we ought to be in giving our thanks unto God.

3 Give Thanks Audibly

Luke 17:11–19

- Thanksgiving ought not to be just within our own heart.
- We need to give it unto them audibly in some form or another. It might be by the sending of cards or letters.
- They failed to give thanks unto the one who had cured them of their leprosy.

4 Who Do We Need to Give Thanks Unto?

- Not just simply God, but there are others around about us that we need to give thanks unto as well. Those that are dearest and nearest unto us.
- It could help a marriage a great deal if we were far more thankful.
- Perhaps the influence you would have for them as a child of God would be greater if you would express more thanksgiving for them within life.
- How difficult would it be to remain faithful unto the Lord without others encouraging you?

- You may not realize how much your parents have done for you within this life until they're gone.

5 Be Thankful for Society

Romans 13

- We need to be thankful for the nation in which we live, for society, the friends that we have, our neighbors.
- Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.
- Giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

6 Be Thankful unto God

James 1:17; Psalm 139:7–12; 1 John 4:9

- We need to be thankful unto God for sure in all things.
- Every good gift, every perfect gift cometh down from the Father above.
- We ought to thank God for the increase. We need to thank God for the victory.
- We ought to be so thankful unto God for his instruction in his word.
- Thank God for his nearness and then thank God for his gift.
- In this was manifest the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let us give thanks at all times for all that we have within this life.**

MY NOTES