What Thanksgiving Looks Like

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INTRODUCTION

- We've read just a fraction of what the scriptures have to say about being thankful.
- It's one thing to talk about it, read about it, and even sing about it. But let's think about it. What does thanksgiving mean?
- What does thanksgiving look like? What does it really look like to be thankful, grateful people of God.

1 Thanksgiving Looks Like Giving of Thanks

1 Chronicles 16:34

- Thanksgiving will look like giving of thanks. We'll actually say that to God.
- We'll praise him in song and in word and in our prayers itself.
- Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
- Every time the Bible says give thanks, it means give thanks.
- Giving of thanks will look like saying to God, thank you.

2 No Grumbling or Complaining

Philippians 2:14–15; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- Giving of thanks also looks like this. It means no grumbling or complaining.
- Do all things without complaining and disputing. That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault.
- Is it truly giving of thanks when someone gives you a gift and you say thank you? But I don't like this.
- Giving of thanks must include expressing that thanks by not constantly complaining and grumbling about the many blessings that we have.
- In everything, give thanks. Now is that difficult? Yes. But it's a part of being thankful.

3 Paying It Forward

- Thanksgiving will also look like this. It will include paying it forward.
- It's a more modern day expression of a biblical concept of giving as we have been given.
- Freely you have received, freely give.
- Truly being thankful people will mean that we not only praise God for what he's given us, try not to complain and grumble, but it'll also include sharing those blessings with others.

4 Thanksgiving Has to Include Obedience to God

Jonah 2:9

- We're truly thankful to God. If we truly love him. We will keep his commandments.

- I will sacrifice to you with the voice of thanksgiving. I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.
- Because I've learned to be thankful, I will do what I ought to do. I'll sacrifice. I'll pay my vows.
- Thanksgiving has to include obedience to God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I want to challenge you to be thankful. I want to challenge you to be obedient. And if you need to render obedience to that gospel this morning, will you do that right now.**

MY NOTES