

Being Thankful

Psalms 100
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An Unthankful Society

- A Self Indulgent Mindset
 - When individuals expect things to be given to them the sense of thankfulness is diminished.
 - "The Government owes me."
 - Romans 13:5-8
 - "My parents owe me."
 - This influences the outlook of society on a greater scale.

Romans 1:18-32

- Romans 1:21 – "... because, although they knew God, **they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."
- Romans 1:28 – "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which were not fitting ..."

Moral Digression of Society

- (Romans 1:29-31)

◦ Unrighteousness	◦ Deceit	◦ Invent Evil
◦ Sexual Immorality	◦ Evil Mindedness	◦ Disobedient to Parents
◦ Wickedness	◦ Whisperers	◦ Undiscerning
◦ Covetousness	◦ Backbiters	◦ Untrustworthy
◦ Maliciousness	◦ Haters of God	◦ Unloving
◦ Full of Envy	◦ Violent	◦ Unforgiving
◦ Murder	◦ Proud	◦ Unmerciful
◦ Strife	◦ Boasters	

Unthankful

- 23 different sins listed
 - Begin by not being thankful and glorifying God.
 - Heed the warning of Deuteronomy 8:7-17
 - Verses 10-11, 17
 - "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today ... **then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'**"
- 2 Timothy 3:2-5

The Giving of Thanks

- Daniel
 - Daniel 6:10 – "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

The Giving of Thanks

- Nehemiah
 - Upon completion of the wall around Jerusalem.
 - Nehemiah 12:27-42
 - Thanksgiving Choirs
 - Do we give praise and thanks to God when He has helped us complete a task or answer our prayers?
 - Psalms 116:16-19

The Giving of Thanks

- Paul
 - Acts 27:35
 - Giving thanks in the midst of a storm
- The Ten Lepers Cleansed
 - Luke 17:11-19
 - When we have success, do we forget the one who provides?

Directing Thanks Towards God

- Hebrews 13:10-15
 - For we as Christians, this should be a common occurrence for us.
 - The sacrifice of praise to God – the fruit of our lips
 - "... *giving thanks to His name.*"

Conclusion

- **Are you a thankful person?**
 - Psalms 6:5
 - Colossians 3:15-17
- We have much to be thankful for:
 - 1 Corinthians 15:57
 - ***"But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."***