

Sermon

An Attitude of Gratitude Outline
Philippians 1:3-11

Jeff Jackson

“Living For the One Who Branded Us...Jesus”

G.K. Chesterton

When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.

Questions:

1. What do you take for granted in your life?
2. Who do you take for granted in your life?
3. Why do you take these things for granted in your life?

It is easy for us to focus on fun things, or even on frivolous things, but are we appreciating the things we have that make up our day to day lives. Such as air, food, water, shelter, family, friendships, etc. Instead of our lives only focusing on the intense, the highs of life or the lows of life, what about all the little everyday things.

Gus McCrae

“If you want one thing too much it’s likely to turn out a disappointment. Now the only healthy way to live as I see it is to learn to like all the little everyday things, like a sip of good whiskey of an evening, or soft bed or a glass of buttermilk—or say a...a feisty gentlemen like myself.”

Are you grateful for all the little everyday things in your life or is your life describe from one intense moment to the next?

Philippians 1:3-11 HCSB

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and establishment of the gospel. For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you can approve the things that are superior and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

I. Gratitude always leads to Prayer vs. 3a

Notes: _____

Henry Ironside

"We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction."

II. Gratitude for the Philippian People vs. 3b

Notes: _____

III. Gratitude for the Partnership in the Gospel vs. 4-6

Notes: _____

Phillip Yancey

If we comprehend what Christ has done for us, then surely out of gratitude we will strive to live 'worthy' of such great love. We will strive for holiness not to make God love us but because He already does.

IV. Grateful in Pushback (Prison) vs. 7

Notes: _____

Philippians 1:12-14

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the advance of the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and to everyone else, that my imprisonment is in the cause of Christ. Most of the brothers in the Lord have gained confidence from my imprisonment and dare even more to speak the message fearlessly.

Helen Keller

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.

Albert Barnes

"We can always find something to be thankful for, and there may be reasons why we ought to be thankful for even those dispensations which appear dark and frowning."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Acts 5:40-41

After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be dishonored on behalf of the Name.

V. Gratitude led to Praise

Notes: _____

Karl Barth

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.

Matthew 25:23 HCSB

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy!'

CONCLUSION:

George Herbert

Thou who has given so much to me, give one thing more: a grateful heart.

A.W. Pink

Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.