

Let's Be Intentional About Giving Thanks

Colossians 2:6-7

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→ Do you remember the “magic words” your parents taught you to say when you were young?

→ What is the BIG IDEA?

The person of faith living for Jesus should live a life overflowing with thanksgiving

1. The **MEANING** of “overflowing with thanksgiving”

How should we picture this OVERFLOWING?

- Imagine a river _____ its banks
- See the prodigal son realizing that his father’s servants had _____
Luke 15:17
- see Jesus’ disciples after the feeding of the 500 as they _____
John 6:13

2. The **MARK** of spiritual stability is “overflowing with thanksgiving”

Why is this OVERFLOWING important?

- _____ are the marks of immaturity!

-Note the progress of Paul’s thought here:

- 1) “rooted” = _____
- 2) “built up”= _____
- 3) “established”= _____
- 4) “overflowing”- _____

3. The **MANIFESTATION** of “overflowing” with thanksgiving

What does this OVERFLOWING look like?

- Listen carefully to these voices
- +Moses at the Red Sea- Exodus 15:1-2

- +The leper Jesus healed- Luke 17:11-19

- +Paul & Silas while in jail- Acts 16

- +Paul’s opening words of his epistles

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!

→ WHY should the believer’s life be overflowing with thanksgiving?

1. God C_____ me to be thankful-
1 Thess 5:18 “in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”
2. It acknowledges the G_____ that someone gave (time, action, service)
3. It strengthens R_____ . . .
it adds V_____,
it creates closeness/intimacy—without it, relationships D_____
4. it’s a gift that keeps on G_____ . . .
a genuine expression of thanksgiving makes a lasting impact
5. It encourages R_____ action

→ WHY DON’T our lives overflow with thanksgiving?

1. Too B_____
2. Take it for G_____
3. We feel thankful, but don’t S_____
4. it’s not M_____

HERE’S THE PLAN:

1. I want to challenge us to become people of **AGGRESSIVE, INTENTIONAL GRATITUDE**
 - A. A_____ thanks from others
 - B. E_____ freely to others: Unexpressed thanks is NO thanks
 - C. L___ people who have touched/blessed your life . . . impacted & made a difference
+_____ +_____ +_____ +_____
2. Ask yourself every day:

WHO CAN I BLESS TODAY WITH THIS AGGRESSIVE, INTENTIONAL GRATITUDE?

→ PRAYER: Lord help me to _____