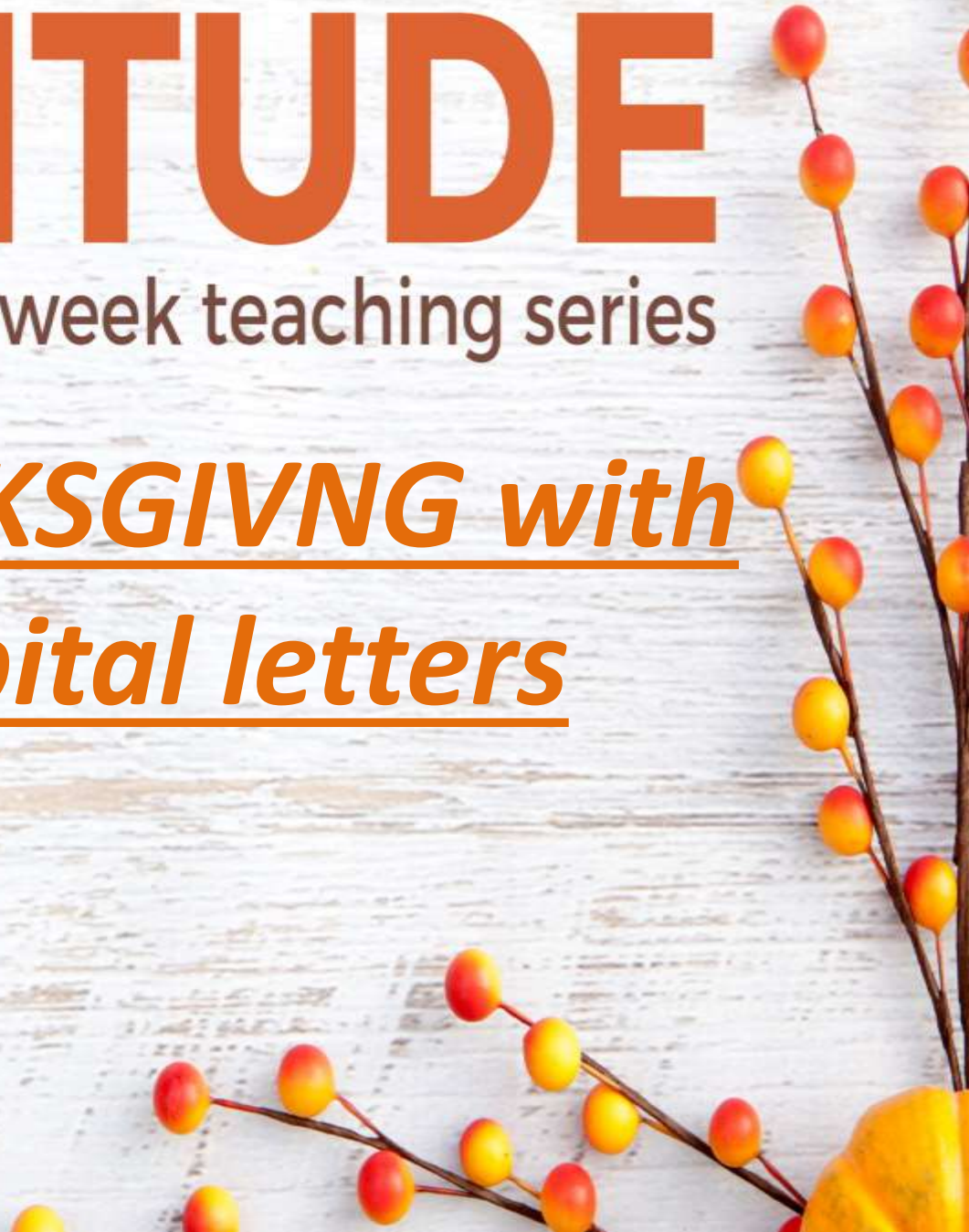


GRATITUDE

four week teaching series

living a
life of
thankfulness

*THANKSGIVING with
capital letters*





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

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO
OVERFLOW?**

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Lk 15:17 But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have **more than enough** bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

John 6:13 So they gathered them up, and **filled** twelve baskets with fragments

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1. The **MEANING** of “overflowing with thanksgiving”
2. The **MARK** of spiritual maturity is “overflowing with thanksgiving”

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO
OVERFLOW?**



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→ Note the key words here:

“I am...rejoicing to see your good discipline and the **STABILITY** of your faith in Christ (v5)

“having been firmly **ROOTED** and now being **BUILT UP** in Him and **ESTABLISHED** in your faith” (v7)

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1. The **MEANING** of “overflowing” with thanksgiving”
 2. The **MARK** of spiritual maturity is “overflowing with thanksgiving”
 3. The **MANIFESTATION** of “overflowing with thanksgiving”
- WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO
OVERFLOW?

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→ consider these examples:

- **Exodus 15:1-2** Moses after crossing the Red Sea
- **Luke 17:11-19** the leper after Jesus healed him
- **Acts 16:22-25** Paul and Silas in jail

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

1. God Commands 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 Gift that someone gave (time, action, service)

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3. It strengthens Relationships. . .
it adds Value, it creates
closeness/intimacy—without it,
relationships Deteriorate
4. It's a gift that keeps on Giving. . .
a genuine expression of
thanksgiving makes a lasting
impact
5. It encourages Repeat action

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→ WHY DON'T our lives overflow with thanksgiving?

1. Too busy: note what someone has done but move on . . . not take time to say "thank you"
2. Take it for granted: I deserve it, it's to be expected, it's a normal part of life
3. We feel thankful, but don't say it
4. It's not modeled . . . No examples

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→ I want to challenge us to become people
of **ABUNDANT THANKSGIVING...**
OVER THE TOP GRATITUDE!!

A. Accept thanks from others

B. Express freely to others:

C. List people who have touched/blessed
your life ... impacted & made a
difference

D. Fill your prayer-life with thanks...
to God and for others

The background of the image is a dense field of pumpkins, likely at a harvest festival or farm. The pumpkins are in various sizes and stages of ripeness, with some showing green stems and others fully orange. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The text is overlaid on a dark, textured band that runs horizontally across the middle of the image.

**OH GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER!**