

*Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Key: If we don’t get into the habit of thanking God for what we Do have,
we will soon become ungrateful because of what we Don’t have.

A. Thanks-Living is my Recognition of Who God is and What He has done

* Who is He? He is Lord! He Deserves All Thanks and Praise
* What has He done? He has Blessed me

B. Thanks-Living is Not based upon the Amount of God’s Provision

* It is tempting to Equate God and His Goodness with the Amount of His giving
* Do you have Muchthankfulness for Much?
* How thankful are you for Little?
* Can you be thankful at All times? For All things?
* There are three attitudes that can Steal our Gratitude
* Pride
* A Critical Spirit
* Taking things for Granted
* The Antidote to Bitterness? A Thankful heart
* Let your Thankful heart be the Filter that cleanses away the Debris of Bitterness
* If you can thank God for Nothing, then you can thank Him for Anything

C. Thanks-Living is Key to a Growing Christian Life

* Relationship between Thanksgiving and Trust
* Relationship between Thanksgiving and Power
* Two-fold Power of Giving Thanks
	+ Releases Faith in prayer
	+ Builds Confidence in God’s ability to help
* When you have Confidence in God’s ability, then you can begin to Rest in Him and Thank Him for the answer

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