

## Giving Thanks to God

Text: Colossians 3:17

### I. Thank Him IN Everything

"In every thing give thanks : for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).

A. Many people thank God in good times but fail to thank Him when the going gets rough.

B. Some Christians are selfishly motivated. They put their own desires ahead of God's. We must give Him first place (Matt. 6:33).

C. We should seek God's will and heed Paul's advice: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God .(I Thess. 5:18).

### II. Thank Him FOR Everything

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God (Eph. 5:20).

A. Many Christians are ready to thank God for the good but not the bad things that happen to them.

B. God may not send the bad, but He sometimes allows it to come to fulfill His purpose.

C. We should thank God for all things, knowing that He works everything together for our good and His glory (Rom. 8:28).

### III. Thank Him WITH Everything

"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD (Ps. 150:3, 6).

A. People often do not thank God with everything.

B. We must show our thanks to God by putting everything we are and own at His disposal, including our time, talent, and treasure.

C. The more we give, the more He will supply, for if we give, the more He will do for us (Luke 6:38).

### IV. Thank Him THROUGH Everything

"If any man suffer as a Christian... let him glorify God on this behalf" (I Peter 4:16).

A. Some Christians thank God while going through mountain-top experiences but fail to thank Him while traversing the valleys.

B. God allows testing, trial, and temptation to expand our faith and take us deeper in His love.

C. "Concerning the fiery trial," Peter advised, "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (I Peter 4:12-13).