

## Things Paul Was Thankful For

⇒ **Text: I Thess. 5:18 & Eph. 5:20**

⇒ **Intro:**

God  
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- We see from the Word of God that it is the will of God for the child of to give thanks in every thing.
  - The key words are every thing.
  - Not just the things and situations that makes us happy and joyous but also the things and situations that the flesh finds it difficult to thank the Lord for.
  - So, the revealed will of God for you and me is to “In every thing give thanks:...”
- On this Thanksgiving eve I want us to take a journey through some of the Pauline Epistles and looks at some of the things Paul was thankful for, *and we should be also.*
- ⇒ **I. God's Program of Grace – 1 Cor. 1:4**
  - “I **thank my God** always on your behalf, for the **grace of God** which is given you by Jesus Christ;”
- ⇒ **II. God's Power – 1 Tim. 1:12**
  - “And I **thank Christ Jesus our Lord**, who hath **enabled me**, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;”
- ⇒ **III. God's People – 2 Thess. 1:3**
  - “We are bound to **thank God** always for **you, brethren**, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;”
- ⇒ **IV. God's Provision – 1 Tim. 4:4**
  - “For **every creature of God is good**, and nothing to be refused, **if it be received with thanksgiving**;”
  - “...He that eateth, **eateth to the Lord**, for he **giveth God thanks**;...” – **Romans 14:6**
- ⇒ **V. God's Plan of Salvation – 2 Cor. 9:15**
  - “**Thanks** be unto God for his **unspeakable gift**.”

'T WAS THE NIGHT OF THANKSGIVING

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,  
But I just couldn't sleep.  
I tried counting backwards,  
I tried counting sheep  
The leftovers beckoned  
The dark meat and white,  
But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation,  
The thought of a snack became infatuation!  
So I raced to the kitchen,  
Flung open the door,  
And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,  
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.  
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,  
Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!!

I crashed through the ceiling, floated into the sky  
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,  
But I managed to yell  
as I soared past the trees ...

HAPPY EATING TO ALL, PASS THE CRANBERRIES PLEASE!!