

The Why and How

THE MISSING PIECE

GRATITUDE: THE ABILITY TO SEE _____, AND THE CORRESPONDING DESIRE TO AFFIRM IT, AND ITS GIVER AS _____.

Gratitude is God's _____ for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT) *Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV) *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT) *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

A heart of thankfulness is an _____ point.

Practicing thankfulness is _____.

1. We give _____ where it belongs.

2. We _____ our gratitude.

2 Timothy 1:6-8 (NLT) *This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.*

3. We _____ our words and actions.

Ephesians 5:4 (NLT) *Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.*

4. We promote discipleship and _____.

Psalms 145:4 (NLT) *Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.*

1 Chronicles 16:23-24 (NLT) *Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. 24 Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.*

Philippians 3:6-8 (NLT) *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

Withholding thankfulness is _____

Romans 1:21-22 (NLT) *Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.*

Romans 1:29 (NLT) *Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness...*

Wrong _____

Wrong sense of _____

There are also two things which can passively attack our gratitude: _____ and _____.

The _____ of Gratitude
_____ what's around us

God's _____ grace.

Matthew 5:45 (NLT) *...For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.*

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1 Corinthians 15:57 (NLT) *But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

_____ on its source and significance

James 1:17-18 (NLT) *Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. 18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.*

_____ it gratefully as a gift and _____

_____ the gifts and _____ the list often