



“Be Thankful”

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I. **Colossians 3:12-17**

A. Thankful

1. (Greek) *Grateful, to express gratitude (in the context of saying grace at mealtime)*
2. (Hebrew) *To Revere or Worship; Praise*

B. **Why should I give thanks?**

1. Because God inhabits the “praises” of His people (**Psalm 100:4**)
- Do you want God to always be near? Give Him Thanks!
2. God is good and is always hastening His Word to perform it on your behalf (**Psalm 107:1**) (**Colossians 3:17**)
3. Miracles operate through thankfulness (**John 6:11**)
4. The alternative (murmuring) is bad for your health! (**I Corinthians 10:10**)

- We are surrounded by negativity and complaints....Be the light of Jesus in a very dark world.

II. Being Thankful in an unthankful generation

A. **II Timothy 3:1-5**

1. God looks at un-thankfulness as a very serious defect in many people in the last days
2. Un-thankfulness leads to the hardened heart
3. You are either giving thanks or you are complaining

...and yes, “venting” is complaining!

B. **Romans 1:18-21**

1. The danger: Knowing God, but forgetting the importance of being thankful!
2. When you learn how to praise God for the little things, He will bless you with the bigger things. (faithful over little...)