

"The Benefits of Thankfulness" Dec 23 2020

I. **Colossians 3:12-18**

- **What does it mean to be thankful? Answer: Grateful (Being thankful implies you are acknowledging your thanks for something that someone has given you).**
- **Think about the opposite of thankfulness and how it applies to II Timothy 3:2**

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| - <i>Unique times call for unique decisions....and all of them begin with having the proper attitude.</i> |
| - <i>Your attitude determines your altitude.</i> |

II. Why should I be thankful / What are the benefits?

A. **Psalm 100:1-5**

1. God is Good
2. His Mercy Endures Forever
3. His Truth Always Prevails

B. Thankfulness brings peace, long life, prosperity

1. Another comparison is in this word: *"He that is FAITHFUL over little, shall be made ruler over much."* (The same is true: He is that is thankful over little, shall be blessed with more than enough.)
2. Satan is a master at magnifying the negative; find the positive and you will surely stand out to the Anointing. (Stand up and be recognized for being different!)
3. Understanding Contentment in the context of thankfulness: **Hebrews 13:5-6**
- *Content: The idea of raising a barrier; to ward off; sufficient; enough*
- **I Timothy 6:6-8**

C. A better question would be: what are the consequences of being ungrateful?

1. Depression, Fear, Lack of Peace...which produces the sense of the lack of control
2. **I Corinthians 10:10** *"Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured (Complained or grumbled) and were destroyed of the destroyer."*

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| - <i>The choice is yours – choose you this day whom you will serve</i> |
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