

## **What Are You Thankful For?**

### **Colossians 3:15**

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.*

*And be thankful!*

Thanksgiving is an amazing medicine. When we are thankful, peace enters our hearts, and we see worries cease and complaints melt away. You can spot the unthankful people. They are the ones who are always complaining, critical, angry, and depressed. The list of things for which moms are thankful.

Some of the Levites in 2 Chron. 16:9 were set aside particularly to lead God's people in the exercise of thanksgiving. When you pick up the Jewish hymnbook, the Psalms, you find that many are dedicated to the theme of thanksgiving. When we praise the Lord, one of the ingredients is our gratitude and our thanksgiving. See Heb. 13:15. When I think about ungrateful people I think about the Israelites. They were always whining and grumbling. " James Arminius wrote, "Let Moses be the first that is introduced...."

I can't begin to tell you all I'm thankful for, so I'm just going to hit the high spots. We have to be taught to be thankful. For most of us, it is not natural to be thankful. All the way back in Lev. they are commanded to give "Thanks Offerings" to the Lord. In our home we tried to teach our kids the responsibility to be thankful.

Today, I want to get you to write down a list of things you are thankful for. I'm going to get you started. Let me just tell you some of the things I'm thankful for. I'm thankful for what some people might call, for lack of a better title, simple things. One of the things I'm thankful for is that I was born in the United States. I'm thankful that I was brought up in a little town where the gospel was known and understood and where it was explained to people, it made it easier for me to be saved.

There are two verses of Scripture in this area of being thankful that I want to read. Eph. 5:20 says, "giving thanks always for all things."

1 Thess. 5:18, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Ephesians says that we are to give thanks FOR all things. Thessalonians says IN everything give thanks. Think about that. That's not easy to do.

I want to thank the Lord for spiritual things. I thank the Lord for my salvation. I thank the Lord that I was brought up in a Bible-believing church. I thank the Lord for my Bible and the privilege of studying it.

I want to thank the Lord for my church. Phil. 1:3 where it says, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." I thank God for you. You will never, until we get to heaven, know how thankful I am for you. 2 Cor. 9:15 says, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

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