

Introduction

1. One of the most tragic things on Earth is being ungrateful
 - a. It has led and continues to lead to all types of wickedness ([Rm. 1:18-32](#))
2. Being thankful for everything is the will of God ([1 Th. 5:18](#))
 - a. He has commanded it ([Col. 3:17](#))

Thankful People

1. Thankful for God Himself as He is worthy ([Rev. 7:12](#), [4:8-11](#); cf. [Jm. 1:17](#))
 - a. Thankful for our existence ([Acts 17:28](#))
 - b. Thankful for the many blessings God bestows on us each day ([Mt. 5:45](#), [6:11](#); [Acts 14:17](#); [1 Tim. 4:4](#))
2. Thankful for each other and the mutual faith, hope, and love we share ([Acts 28:15](#); [Rm. 1:8](#), [16:3-4](#); [1 Cor. 1:4](#); [Phil. 1:3](#); [Col. 1:3-5](#); [1 Th. 1:2-4](#); [2 Th. 1:3-4](#))
3. Thankful to serve ([1 Tim. 1:12](#))
4. Thankful for Christ and the victory through and in Him ([1 Cor. 15:57](#); [2 Cor. 2:14](#), [9:15](#))
5. Thankful for the reception of God's Word ([1 Th. 2:13](#))
6. Thankful when one obeys the Gospel ([Rm. 6:17-18](#))
 - a. This causes more thanksgiving for the one who obeys ([Col. 1:12-13](#))
7. Thankful for all things at all times ([Eph. 5:20](#); [1 Th. 5:18](#))
 - a. Yes, even during trials and suffering ([Acts 16:22-25](#); [Jm. 5:13](#))

Thankful Prayers

1. For all people including government ([1 Tim. 2:1-4](#))
 - a. A.C.T.S. way of praying
 - i. A = Adoration
 - ii. C = Confession
 - iii. T = Thanksgiving
 - iv. S = Supplication
2. Keep prayer and thanksgiving regular ([Col. 4:2](#))
3. Interrupt anxiety with thanksgiving ([Phil. 4:6](#))
4. Abound in thanksgiving ([Col. 2:7](#))

Thankful Pattern

1. Jesus in thanking the Father for hearing His prayers ([Jn. 11:41-42](#))
2. Jesus in thanking God for physical provisions ([Mt. 15:36](#))
3. Jesus in establishing the pattern for the Lord's Supper ([Mt. 26:26-29](#))

Thankful Protection

1. Only wrath awaits the unthankful ([Rm. 1:18-21](#))
 - a. Death is the final result ([Rm. 1:32](#); cf. [Rm. 6:23](#))
2. If our mouths are full of thanksgiving, they will not be full of sin ([Eph. 5:1-4](#))

Conclusion

1. Let us always be a thankful people ([Col. 3:15](#))