

Sunday Morning | November 20, 2016



I THESSALONIANS 5:18 - "In **EVERYTHING** give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

QUESTION OF THE DAY: Are you thankful? Are you in the habit of giving God thanks?

TRUTH: No matter what the situation, we are to find reason to thank God.

I. CALLS TO THANKSGIVING

A. Romans 8:28 - "And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

TRUTH: No matter what happens in your life, God works all things to the good of those who love Him, every single time.

TRUTH: We are submerged in a culture of smothering ingratitude.

B. 2 Corinthians 9:11 - "Having been enriched with everything, it produces thanksgiving to God."

C. Ephesians 5:3- "Don't let immorality or impurity or greed be named among you." v. 4 - "There shouldn't be filthiness, silly talk, coarse jesting but rather giving of thanks."

TRUTH: Christians ought to be known for grateful hearts and mouths.

II. GIFTS WORTHY OF THANKSGIVING

A. Thankful for grace shown you (Ephesians 2:8 NCV)

TRUTH: Grace is God giving me what I need, not what I deserve (Psalm 103:2-11 LB).

B. Thankful for the plan He made for me

TRUTH: There are no accidental births.

TRUTH: Your life is not a train wreck; your poor choices and other people's sins don't make your life a bad idea (Jeremiah 29:11).

C. Thankful for the home He's making in heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1 NCV)

REALITY: One day each of us will die but that won't be the end of our existence (Genesis 1:26-27 NLT).

TRUTH: You're never ready to live till you're ready to die.

QUESTION: This Thanksgiving, are you ready to meet the God who made you in your mother's womb?

D. Thankful for the changes He's made in me