

Giving God Thanks

God's Word mentions several times to give thanks to the Lord, to be thankful to the Lord, to fill our hearts with thanksgiving. This is not just a sweet invitation but a heart transformative command. We ARE to give God thanks. For everything.

For the insignificant things.

For the valuable things.

For the tangible things.

For the unseen things.

For the grace and mercy He's given us.

For the salvation through Jesus.

For the joyous moments.

For the breaking down to build up moments.

There's something uniquely beautiful that happens to us when we choose to give thanks instead of complaining and groaning. It doesn't necessarily get rid of our problems or our desires, but it shifts our heart to see that God is above it all. Our attitudes start to cheer up. Our problems grow a little smaller while God becomes larger. We start to see the good more than the bad. We begin to appreciate the little gems in our life that would otherwise be missed in our discontentment.

God purposely tells us to be thankful and to give Him thanks. Make it your purpose to give thanks to the Lord, because there is no reason not to.

If you're feeling bitter, discontent, or ungrateful, take the first step today by digging into God's Word and seeing what it says about giving thanks. Go through this list over the next 10 weeks to memorize each verse. Giving thanks to the Lord is a habit that each of us needs to instill in our daily lives. To fight bitterness, to fight discontentment, to fight ingratitude, and to fight a heart full of complaints, we need to pour out thanksgiving to God, redirecting our focus on Him.

*How to use this
list of verses to
memorize:*

Each week choose one verse.

Read the verse at least 10 times.

Write the verse out at least 5 times.

Listen to the verse read out loud
either on your phone or with
someone else.

Speak the verse out loud while
reading 5 times.

Speak the verse out loud without
looking at the verse.

Use them in your prayers this week.



"Give Thanks" Verses

1 Chronicles 16:8

"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!"

Psalms 79:13

"But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise."

Psalms 92:1

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High."

Psalms 100:4

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Psalms 106:1

"Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

2 Corinthians 2:14

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."

Ephesians 5:20

"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."