

Sunday, November 8, 2020

The Grace of Gratitude

Week 1: The Root

1. _____ to Gratefulness.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

2. Gratefulness is not a _____ human trait.

"You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. ³ And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure."

James 4:2-3 (NLT)

3. Gratefulness is rooted in our _____ God.

A. God _____.

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."

Isaiah 46:9-10 (NIV)

B. God in _____.

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

C. The _____ of God.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone...This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4 (NIV)

4. The lack of gratefulness feeds _____.

"From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God. Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused."

Romans 1:20-21 (NLT)

5. Practicing Gratefulness Feeds _____.

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

* What are you thankful for?

* What do you need to be thankful for?

L: "Shout praises to the Lord! With all my heart

P: I will thank the Lord when his people meet.

L: The Lord has done many wonderful things!

P: Everyone who is pleased with God's marvelous deeds will keep them in mind.

L: Everything the Lord does is glorious and majestic, and his power to bring justice will never end.

P: The Lord God is famous for his wonderful deeds, and he is kind and merciful.

L: He gives food to his worshipers and always keeps his agreement with them.

P: He has shown his mighty power to his people and has given them the lands of other nations.

L: God is always honest and fair, and his laws can be trusted.

P: They are true and right and will stand forever.

Psalms 111:1-8 (CEV)