

Give Thanks
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A Grateful Heart...

When we stop and think about all God has done for us, we can't help but be thankful. Gratitude gives birth to joy—and joy shows. 😊

The Apostle Paul on *gratitude*:

- Ephesians 5:19-20
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Colossians 2:6-7
- Colossians 3:16
- Colossians 4:2

BIG Idea: God's will for us as His People is that we be thankful people.

GOD's Story – Give Thanks! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. Be joyful *always*
2. Pray *continually*
3. Give thanks *in all circumstances*
 - Romans 8:28

Paul's Conclusion: This is God's will for you *in Christ Jesus*.

If this is what God wants for us, then he will help us become joyful, prayerful and thankful people. A grateful heart opens us up to him.

Right On!