

*Thank-full*  
*Part 1 - Gratitude on "Low"*

*<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7*

**Theme: When you are thank-full, you will enjoy life to the full.**

***Two Threats to Being Thank-full:***

**1. Good Times when you forget God.**

*<sup>11</sup> Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup> Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God...<sup>17</sup> You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." Deuteronomy 8:11-14,17*

*<sup>6</sup> When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me. Hosea 13:6*

How Good Times turn into a bad thing:

- 1) You take credit for prosperity
- 2) You become proud
- 3) You forget God

**2. Bad Times when you resent God**

*<sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Exodus 16:2-3*

*<sup>19</sup> So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?" <sup>20</sup> "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. <sup>21</sup> I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." Ruth 1:19-21*

How Bad Times turn into a bad thing:

- 1) You complain
- 2) You become discontent
- 3) You get bitter and resentful

• **Conclusion**

Make the choice to be thank-full, whether the times are good or the times are bad.