

THANKS+GIVING PART 4: "Always Thankful"

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"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

I CAN BUILD A GENEROUS HEART BY ALWAYS SHOWING MY GRATITUDE TO...

1. ...THOSE WHO <u>ACCEPT</u>, <u>VALUE</u> AND <u>LOVE</u> ME

"Whenever you cross my mind, I thank my God for you and for the gift of knowing you." Philippians 1:3 (TVB)

"By the time David had finished reporting to Saul, Jonathan was deeply impressed with David—an immediate bond was forged between them.

1.

<u>He became totally committed to David. From</u> <u>that point on he would be David's number-</u> <u>one advocate and friend</u>...Jonathan, out of his deep love for David, made a covenant with him. <u>He formalized it with solemn gifts:</u> <u>his own royal robe and weapons—armor,</u> <u>sword, bow, and belt.</u>"

1 Samuel 18:1,3-4 (MSG)

2. ...THOSE WHO <u>DISAGREE</u> WITH ME OR EVEN <u>DISLIKE</u> ME

"You have been taught to love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you this: love your enemies. Pray for those who torment you and persecute you—in so doing, you become children of your Father in heaven. He, after all, loves each of usgood and evil, kind and cruel. He causes the sun to rise and shine on evil and good alike. He causes the rain to water the fields of the righteous and the fields of the sinner. It is easy to love those who love you-even a tax collector can love those who love him. And it is easy to greet your friends—even outsiders do that! But you are called to something higher: 'Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Matthew 5:43-48 (TVB)

2.

"For everything God made is good. That means nothing should be rejected as long as it's received with a grateful heart, for by God's word and prayer, it is made holy." **1 Timothy 4:4-5** (TVB)

3. ...THOSE WHO HAVE <u>NEEDS</u> I CAN <u>MEET</u>

"<u>No matter what</u>, make room in your heart to love every believer. And <u>show hospitality to</u> <u>strangers</u>, for they may be angels from God showing up as your guests. <u>Identify with</u> <u>those who are in prison</u> as though you were there suffering with them, and <u>those who are</u> <u>mistreated</u> as if you could feel their pain." **Hebrews 13:1-3** (TPT)

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