

## In Everything Part 1: "The Theory of Everything"

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"Give thanks <u>in everything</u>, for this is <u>God's</u> <u>will for you</u> in Christ Jesus." **1 Thessalonians 5:18** (HCSB)

"<u>Always give thanks</u> to God the Father <u>for</u> <u>everything</u>. Give thanks to him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Ephesians 5:20** (NIRV)

## BEING THANKFUL *IN EVERYTHING* IS ONLY POSSIBLE FOR ME, IF MY THANKS...

1. ...IS NOT FOR \_\_\_\_\_, BUT RATHER TO \_\_\_\_\_.

"Through him then let us <u>continually</u> offer up a <u>sacrifice of praise</u> to God, that is, the <u>fruit of</u> <u>lips that acknowledge his name</u>. Do not neglect to <u>do good</u> and <u>to share</u> what you have, for such <u>sacrifices are pleasing</u> to God." **Hebrews 13:15-16** (ESV) 2. ...IS A \_\_\_\_\_\_ I'M LIVING, NOT AN I'M RESPONDING TO.

"Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but <u>in everything [every circumstance and</u> situation] by prayer and petition <u>with</u> <u>thanksgiving</u>, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God."

Philippians 4:6 (AMP)

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, <u>fill your lives</u>. <u>Teach</u> and <u>counsel</u> each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with <u>thankful hearts</u>. And <u>whatever you do or</u> <u>say</u>, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:16-18 (NLT)

## 3. ...IS HOW I SHOW MY TRUST IN GOD'S

PRESENT \_\_\_\_\_.

"But <u>giving thanks is a sacrifice</u> that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."

Psalm 50:23 (NLT)

"The crowd joined in with insults and insinuations, prompting the city officials to strip them naked in the public square so they could be beaten with rods. They were flogged mercilessly and then were thrown into a prison cell. The jailer was ordered to keep them under the strictest supervision. The jailer complied, first restraining them in ankle chains, then locking them in the most secure cell in the center of the jail. Picture this: It's midnight. In the darkness of their cell, <u>Paul and Silas—after</u> <u>surviving the severe beating—aren't moaning</u> <u>and groaning; they're praying and singing</u> <u>hymns to God.</u> The prisoners in adjoining cells are wide awake, listening to them pray and sing. Suddenly the ground begins to shake, and the prison foundations begin to crack. <u>You</u> <u>can hear the sound of jangling chains and the</u> <u>squeak of cell doors opening</u>. Every prisoner realizes that his chains have come unfastened."

## Acts 16:22-26 (TVB)