

## **Thankfulness**

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#### **I. Why We Should Be Thankful**

- A. Col. 3:15–17; 1 Thess. 5:16–19—A direct command of God, which is related to being in God’s will
- B. Eph. 5:18–20—An expression of the fullness of the Holy Spirit
- C. Phil 4:6–7; Col. 4:2—Necessary to make other forms of prayer effective  
Examples of intercessory prayers:
  - 1. Rom. 1:8–9
  - 2. Eph. 1:15–16
  - 3. Phil. 1:3–4
  - 4. Col. 1:3
  - 5. 1 Thess. 1:2
  - 6. 2 Tim. 1:3
- D. Jonah 2:9–10; John 6:11, 23; John 11:41–44—A key to release God’s supernatural power
- E. James 2:26—The simplest “work” is to express faith by giving thanks
- F. Luke 17:12–19—Sets the seal on blessings already received

#### **II. The Penalties For Unthankfulness**

- A. Phil. 2:14; Jude 16—Murmuring has no place in Christian service
- B. 1 Cor. 10:6–10—Murmuring is one of the various sins that brought judgment on Israel and is a warning to us today
- C. God’s exemplary judgments on murmurers and complainers
  - 1. Num. 14:36–37—Died by the plague
  - 2. Num. 21:4–9—Died by fiery serpents (compare John 3:14–15: Look to the cross)
  - 3. Murmuring exposes us to the attack of Satan

#### **III. Conclusion**

Prov. 3:5–6—A positive, effective way to acknowledge God and seek His direction in your life