

**O Give thanks to the
Lord for He is Good!**

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A. Why be Thankful?

1. God deserves our thanks, as do others.

Revelation 4:7-11

⁹ Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever),

2. Every good gift you have in life comes from Him.

James 1:17 (NKJV)

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

**3. It is one of the three things
necessary for your heart and mind
to be guarded with peace.**

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4. It might just be what's needed to get you out of a tight spot.

Jonah - Jonah 2:1-10

Paul and Silas - Acts 16:25

**Israel was stuck for 40 years
because of their ingratitude**

***Things open for us when we give
thanks and when we praise.***

5. Thanksgiving is necessary to draw close to God.

Psalm 100:4

⁴Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

*The gates of the Lord will never
be open to us if we refuse to give
thanks.*

6. It reveals our faith: Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 20:16-25 (NKJV).

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy *endures* forever."

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon,

***Thank God for not only what He
has done but what He is going to
do.***

7. Thankfulness brings light.

Romans 1:21 (NLT)

21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

B. How do we give thanks?

**1. With a heart full of gratitude.
Not just lip service.**

Psalm 138:1 (NLT)

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods.

2. Sacrificially if necessary.

C. When?

Continually

Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 (NKJV)

- 16 Rejoice always,**
17 pray without ceasing,
18 in everything give thanks; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.