



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Living Always with a Thankful Heart

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

INTRODUCTION

1. The _____ for Thanksgiving

A. It Is to Be _____

“While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.” (Psalm 146:2)

WITH OUR LIPS

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

Quote: “When we bless God for mercies, we usually prolong them. When we bless God for miseries, we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**

WITH OUR LIVELIHOOD

“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16)

“Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.” (Philippians 4:15)

B. It Is to Be _____

AN IMPERATIVE COMMAND

Quote: A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.”—**Henry Ward Beecher**

A CONSTANT COMMAND

Quote: “Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.”—**A.W. Tozer**

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

Quote: “It is far more important to pray with a sense of the greatness of God than with a sense of the greatness of the problem.”

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:3-4)

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;” (James 1:2)

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;” (Ephesians 5:20)

2. The _____ of Thanksgiving

A. Living in God’s _____

“Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;” (Psalm 107:2)

B. Living in Christ’s _____

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalm 100:4-5)

*“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”
(2 Corinthians 9:15)*

CONCLUSION
