

5. Why is thanksgiving empty without Jesus?

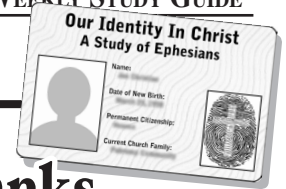
6. Bonus Question: Should you be kind to the ungrateful?
Defend your answer.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. On a scale of 1 to 4 (4 = *always thankful*)
how would you rate yourself for *thankfulness*?
2. How do you think others would rate you?
3. How do you think God would rate you?
4. What will you do to become a more thankful person?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith
or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

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Always Giving Thanks

Introduction: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

I. _____.

• The _____ of your thanksgiving. EPHESIANS 5:20

A. The discipline of _____
causes your _____ to _____ on _____
_____. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8; EPHESIANS 5:4

B. One effect of being filled with the Spirit is that
you _____
_____. COLOSSIANS 4:2; 1 TIMOTHY 4:4

II. Give thanks _____.

• The _____ of your thanksgiving. EPHESIANS 5:20

A. The discipline of giving thanks _____
causes you to _____
from _____.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18; ROMANS 8:28

B. One effect of being filled with the Spirit is that you

for _____. COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

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STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

III. Give thanks _____.

- The _____ of your thanksgiving. EPHESIANS 5:20

A. The discipline of giving thanks _____ God the _____
_____ God's _____
and _____.

HEBREWS 12:28; MATTHEW 6:9; EPHESIANS 3:14; ROMANS 1:21–22

B. One effect of being filled with the Spirit is that

_____ is _____
in your thanksgiving. COLOSSIANS 1:10–14

IV. Give thanks _____.

- The _____ of your thanksgiving. EPHESIANS 5:20

A. The discipline of giving thanks _____
_____ constantly reminds you that God's
_____ Jesus.

COLOSSIANS 3:15–17; JOHN 8:41–44; 1:17

B. One effect of being filled with the Spirit is that

your thanksgiving _____
_____ to _____. COLOSSIANS 1:10–14

Conclusion: Make thanksgiving a _____
and _____ it _____ it becomes a part
of your _____.

1. Is it hypocritical to pray words of thanksgiving
if you don't really feel thankful?

2. Is it wrong to pray to Jesus? Defend your answer.

3. In the Old Testament, worship of God in the tabernacle involved
certain ministers whose responsibility included *to stand every
morning, thanking and praising the LORD, and likewise at evening*
(1 CHRONICLES 23:30). Why do you think thanksgiving is so important
in corporate worship?

4. Many Christians have been and are being severely persecuted
because of their faith. Does God want us to be thankful for such
conditions? Defend your answer.