

BE YE THANKFUL
Thanksgiving Always

- I. **Be ye thankful-Not a suggestion, a commandment-Co13:15-And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**
- A. Benefit for us-He didn't tell us this because he likes to be appreciated
Ps92:1-It's a good thing to give thanks to the Lord
- B. Thanksgiving is one spiritual activity, but it has multiple resulting positive affects-It's like physical activity to the body; Combat health conditions/diseases, improve mood, boost energy, better sleep, control weight, improve thinking, live longer; Thanksgiving affects your faith, peace, joy, strength, helps you receive from God, hear from God, receive more grace
- II. **The constancy/intensity God prescribes in regards to thanksgiving is striking -Always, continually, in everything, whatever you are doing-Ep5:20-Giving thanks ALWAYS for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ-Hb13:15-Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God CONTINUALLY (constantly), that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name-1Th5:18-IN EVERYTHING give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you-Co3:17-WHATSOEVER YE DO in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him-Ph2:14-Do ALL THINGS WITHOUT MURMURINGS**
- A. How most people live?-Most believers? How are you doing with these verses?
- B. Don't treat thanksgiving like a light thing because God does not-Must be some big things on the line otherwise God wouldn't speak about it like this
- III. **Who are you yielding to**
- A. As Satan gains more influence over people they become more unthankful-2Tm3:1-*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*
- B. When you are complaining, murmuring you are yielding to Him-What spirit is inspiring you to scrunch your nose, furrow your brow and complain?
- C. Yielding to the devil gives place to the devil-Ep4:26-Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:²⁷ Neither give place to the devil-Rm6:16-Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
- D. Complaining opens you up to destruction-1Cor10:5-But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.⁶Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. ⁷Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. ⁸Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.⁹Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.¹⁰Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.¹¹Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
1. Satan wants you to live a in a murmuring, bitter, discontented, peaceless, joyless state where faith is low and vulnerability to the enemy is high
- E. Being thankful is yielding to the Holy Spirit and that gives him access into your life to help you-Ep5:18-Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ