

SERIES: GRATITUDE & BLESSINGS

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, November 5-6, 2022

SERMON: Learn to Live with Gratitude

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[1] Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

[2] We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

[3] We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,

[5] because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

[6] You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

[7] And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

[8] The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,

[9] for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

[10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

SERIES: GRATITUDE & BLESSINGS

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, November 5-6, 2022

SERMON: Learn to Live with Gratitude

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1. _____ the way you think.

- You get to _____ how you think and how you act.
- **Proverbs 23:7a KJV** *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*
- If you want to see something that will make you _____, you won't have to _____.

2. _____ gratitude.

- Put thanksgiving _____.
 - **Ephesians 5:3-4** *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.*
 - Let gratitude _____ the evil.
- Pray _____ and _____.
- _____ express appreciation.
 - Ask God to help you _____ what He _____.

3. Establish life-giving _____.

- _____ Godliness.
- Follow _____ examples
- Leave your _____
- _____ to God.

Lagniappe

In a day when we have more than we've ever had, we are more anxious than we've ever been.

Think about that statement.

Americans are under siege from anxiety, worry, and depression. Some of these are very real physical disorders and need professional care. All of these need the blessings and help of God in their lives.

How can we work to overcome our anxiety and worry?

First and foremost, give thanks for what you have rather than focusing on what you don't have. I won't write anymore about this because it's coming in detail in a sermon, but this statement is filled with truth. Gratitude blesses your life. It fills it with meaning and significance.

While gratitude might not solve all our issues with anxiety, it will help immensely, and it will please God. Those are two good reasons to be grateful.

For the month of November, I will be preaching about *gratitude*. In December, it will be about *blessings*. Focusing on what God has done and emphasizing His goodness and His gifts will help us immensely.

I pray that God will bless you in the coming months as you seek Him.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Benin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.