

# **SERIES: GRATITUDE & BLESSINGS**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, November 26-27, 2022

**SERMON:** What I have Learned about Gratitude

**SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 4:10-19

[10] I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

[11] I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

[12] I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

[13] I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

[14] Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

[15] Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;

[16] for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.

[17] Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.

[18] I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

[19] And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_ in my life.

- **Matthew 6:33** *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*
- The most \_\_\_\_\_ thing in my life is not the “\_\_\_\_\_” but the “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ in the “whys.”

2. I must seek \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Luke 9:23** *Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

3. I must seek an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward God and toward others.

- Thankful “\_\_\_\_\_” all things; not “\_\_\_\_\_” all things.
- **Ephesians 5:20** *always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

4. I must seek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and I must treat \_\_\_\_\_ as God's child.

- **Ephesians 5:18-19** *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.*

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## **Things for which I am Grateful:**

All this week I have been meditating on those things for which I am especially grateful. While there is nothing monumental about any of this, all of these are very important to me.

## **I give thanks for:**

- ❖ My wonderful family, all of which have been together this week.
- ❖ The people I work with. I don't know whether you know this, but our pastors and staff work together very well. It's truly a blessing to get up and go to work each day.
- ❖ My church family. I thank God for the Church of the Lord Jesus and the opportunity to serve as a part of the Family of God.
- ❖ The Gospel that saved me and the continued gift God has given me to preach this Good News.
- ❖ You.

I hope that each of you have had time to think about - and enjoy - the things that you are especially grateful for during this Thanksgiving Holiday.

