Cultivating An Attitude of Gratitude
Sermon Outline & Devotional Guide
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1. **Celebrate the _____ God has given in your life.**

   † *Exodus 15:19-21, "When Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and charioteers rushed into the sea, the Lord brought the water crashing down on them. But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground! 20Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine and led all the women as they played their tambourines and danced. 21And Miriam sang this song: 'Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; He has hurled both horse and rider into the sea" (NLT).*

2. **Live with a sense of intentional _____.**

   † *Psalm 139:13-16, "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (NLT).*

   † *Philippians 3:13-14, "No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us"*

   † *Acts 26:19, "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven" (NIV).*

God Has Already Told You What Your Purpose Is In These 3 Verses

   † *Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: ith you always, even to the end of the age" (NLT).*

   † *2 Corinthians 5:20, "So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (NLT).*

   † *Matthew 5:13-14, "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden" (NLT).*

   † *Psalm 100:1-5, "Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Worship and serve the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. 3Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. 4Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. 5For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation" (NLT).*

   † *Daniel 6:10, "Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to His God, just as he had done before" (NIV).*

   † *Psalm 136:1-3, 26, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever . . . 26Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever" (NLT).*

   † *Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (NIV).*

   † *Psalm 103:1-8, "Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name. 2Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things He does for me. 3He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. 4He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender*

mercies. 5He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's! 6The Lord gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly. 7He revealed His character to Moses and His deeds to the people of Israel. 8The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love" (NLT).

- *Deuteronomy 6:10-12, "The Lord your God will soon bring you into the land he swore to give you when he made a vow to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is a land with large, prosperous cities that you did not build. 11 The houses will be richly stocked with goods you did not produce. You will draw water from cisterns you did not dig, and you will eat from vineyards and olive trees you did not plant. When you have eaten your fill in this land, 12 be careful not to forget the Lord, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt" (NLT).*

3. **Make a list of 7 _____ God has brought into your life.**

4. **Make a L\list of 7 _____ God has brought into your life who are a blessing to you and then let them know.**

5. **_____ from your ingratitude.**

- *Romans 1:21, Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't gloried Him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused" (NIV).*
- *Philippians 4:8, "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise" (NLT).*
- *1 Corinthians 10:6-11, "These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, 7 or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, 'The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.'" 8And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. 9Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. 10And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. 11These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us" (NIV).*
- *Revelation 7:11-12, "And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, 'Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen'" (NIV).*

********** Next Steps Devotional Questions**********

1. Even if things are not going the way you desire, will you choose this Thanksgiving, instead of complaining, whining and griping, pray, "God, I am going to thank You no matter what!"?
2. We live in the most blessed nation and we have been blessed by God in ways that we could not personally do for ourselves. Why do you think we tend to grumble, gripe, complain and whine rather than just give thanks to God?
3. What victories from the Lord do you need to start celebrating from God now? In other people's lives, what victories for the Lord do you need to celebrate with them?