

November 27, 2016
Core Values
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Giving thanks

Why we give thanks:

It is **God's will**

It **proclaims** our gratitude

It **provokes** others to do the same

It **produces contentment**

It **portrays Christ**

notes:

Share a short, favorite or funny Thanksgiving memory.

What comes to mind when you hear the word thanksgiving?

Share 3 things you are thankful for.

Read Psalm 91:1 What “deeds” would you tell of?

Read Philippians 4:6-7 How does this passage work out in our daily lives in regards to being thankful?

What challenges in your life get in the way of you expressing thanksgiving?

Read Psalm 103:2-11.

- Of the things listed in these verses for which are you most grateful to God?
- For what do you most often forget to thank God – your bed, your vehicle, your job your freedom?
- What can you do this Thanksgiving week to be more thankful and grateful to God?

In our culture many people believe they deserve this or that. As Christians, how can our attitude of thanksgiving, even in desperate circumstances, impact unbelievers?

Imagine yourself homeless, without food, without friends and no where to go. Take the time to really imagine it. How would you feel?

Take a minute and examine your life. What are a couple things that you take for granted and would like to give thanks for?

Read 1Thessalonians 5:18. What was Paul trying to teach us with this passage and how do we apply it to our lives?

Think of someone in your life that you are truly thankful for. Take a minute and jot down a few reasons you are thankful for this person. Take the time to call this person...yes call, not text or email, this week and let them know.

As we approach Christmas, how can an attitude of thanksgiving impact the next few weeks leading to Christmas day?