

Would you like to develop a thankful, worshiping heart? Of course, you would!

We recognize that it's right to be thankful to God for his blessings. We recognize that praise and worship is easy when things are going well. We also recognize it is far more difficult to praise the Lord in times of desperation or danger. But do we recognize that it may be more important to praise the Lord in those difficult times than in the good times?

It is in the time of difficulty that we need to rehearse who God is, what God is like, and what God has done in the past. It will strengthen our faith for the current crises.

Job was such a man who lived through terrible crisis. Read Job 1 and focus on the last two verses. How does someone get to that point where they praise God in such difficult circumstance? How does what we know of God from His Word help us to praise Him even when life really stinks?

Read 1 Thess 5:18.

As Christians, we realize that it is right to thank God in everything, but are we truly doing that?

The key to a thankful, worshiping heart is to rely completely on the Lord. Is your Sunday morning praise and worship where your thankfulness begins and ends, or is it just an extension of your life of gratitude?

Read 103: 10-13. What does this reveal to you about the love that the Lord has for you? Are you relying fully on the Lord?

This week, focus your prayers on having a thankful heart. Ask the Lord to help remove the things that are stealing peace, vandalizing sleep, robbing relationships, killing kindness, murdering hope, and infecting the innocent. Ask for a healthy heart.

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Selah - Taking Pause in the Psalms

Psalm 33 - Praise in Response

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The right response of God's people

Ps 30:4 1Co 14:15

God is a good God.

Ps 119:68 Psalm 86:5

God is all powerful

John1:3 2 Peter 3:5-6 Heb 11:3

God is in control

Pr 19:21 Ac 16:25

God's blessings come from trust.

Psalm 40:1-3