

Simple Thanksgiving.

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📖 Ephesians 3:14-21

● A little thing we can do that will make us into thankful people is **appreciation**.

● To appreciate carries the meaning of **recognition** of value and that of **increase** in value.

Why Express Appreciation?

■ It increases the **value** of the relationship.

■ The Bible says we're **supposed** to do that!
📖 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Ephesians 4:29

What Should I Appreciate?

■ Appreciate people's **loyalty**.

📖 Philippians 1:3-5; 4:15

■ Appreciate people's **differences**.

📖 Colossians 3:13-15

■ Appreciate people's **efforts**.

📖 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

✦ If we wait for **perfect gifts**, we will **never** be grateful at all.

How Should I Show Appreciation?

■ It needs to be **real**.

📖 Romans 12:9

✦ The Bible says flattery is a horrible sin:

📖 Proverbs 20:19; 26:28; 28:23; 29:5; Romans 16:18; Jude 1:16

■ It needs to be **recognizable**.

📖 Proverbs 15:23; 12:25

■ It needs to be **regular**.

📖 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Galatians 6:10

✦ Being **thoughtful** precedes being **thankful**.

My Next Right Step

I will name Jesus Christ as my Savior.

I will spend time thanking God this week for all of His blessings.

I will make a list of people who have built up my life and find a way to appropriately appreciate them.

I will thank God for imperfect gifts.

I will come to the Evening of Thanksgiving with a heart prepared to give thanks.

Next Week: "What's On Your Mind?"

Getting Ready for Thanksgiving



Use this sheet for a devotional time this week and to prepare for the Evening of Thanksgiving on Tuesday night...

● Meditate on the following verses: Psalm 103; 116:12; 2 Corinthians 9:15; Ephesians 5:4, 20; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 1:12; 2:7; 3:15, 17; 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 5:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Timothy 2:1; 4:4; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 1:4; Hebrews 13:15; Revelation 4:9; 7:12; 11:17

● List three things for which you are most thankful to God:

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● List three people you are thankful for and why:

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● Write down one thing you can/will do to express appreciation to a person in your life.

Thanksgiving Thoughts

"Here ends another day during which I have had eyes, ears, hands and the great world around me. Tomorrow begins another day. Why am I allowed two?"

—G.K. Chesterton

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, and confusion into clarity.... It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

—Melodie Beattie

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?"

-William A. Ward

"The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!"

--Henry Ward Beecher

"You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink."

—G.K. Chesterton

Happy Thanksgiving!

Praise & Prayer List



Next Sunday
"What's On Your Mind?"

SEACOAST CHURCH

**Simple
Thanksgiving.**

**Message Notes &
Home Team
Small Group Questions**

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