

Gratitude, Not Grumbling

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Thanksgiving

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This, Not That

- ❖ Connected, not isolated
- ❖ Givers, not takers
- ❖ Diligent, not idle
- ❖ Wise, not foolish
- ❖ Submissive, not rebellious
- ❖ Trust, not worry
- ❖ Thy will, not my will
- ❖ Teachable, not stubborn
- ❖ Appreciative, not critical
- ❖ Honor, not disrespect
- ❖ Ambassadors, not judges
- ❖ Generous, not greedy
- ❖ God-dependent, not self-sufficient
- ❖ Forgiving, not vengeful
- ❖ Kingdom-centered, not selfish
- ❖ Humble, not proud
- ❖ Encouragers, not gossipers
- ❖ Honest, not deceitful

Diligent, not idle

Lazy hands make for poverty,
but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:4

Thy will, not my will

[Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane]:

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

Humble, not proud

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 29:23

(also James 4:6; I Peter 5:5)

Wise, not foolish

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Ephesians 5:15-17

Ambassadors, not judges

- ❖ [Jesus]: “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Matthew 7:1-2

- ❖ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

I Corinthians 5:20

Gratitude, not grumbling

Thankful, not complaining

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- ❖ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation."

Philippians 2:14-15

Exodus 15:24

So the people grumbled against Moses,
saying, “What are we to drink?”

Numbers 11:1

Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

Numbers 14:26-28

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: “How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say.’ ”

Thanksgiving in the Psalms:

❖ 7:17

❖ 26:7

❖ 28:7

❖ 30:4

❖ 35:11-18

❖ 42:4

❖ 44:8

❖ 50:23

❖ 56:12

❖ 69:30

❖ 75:1

❖ 79:13

❖ 86:12-13

❖ 95:2

❖ 100:4

❖ 107:17-22

❖ 109:29-30

❖ 111:1

❖ 116:17

Psalm 95:1-2

**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our
salvation.**

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

“Give thanks”

- ❖ Psalm 97:17
- ❖ Psalm 105:1
- ❖ Psalm 107:1
- ❖ Psalm 118:1
- ❖ Psalm 136:1-3
- ❖ I Chronicles 16:8, 34
- ❖ II Chronicles 20:21
- ❖ Isaiah 12:4
- ❖ Jeremiah 33:11

Jesus gave thanks:

- ❖ Matthew 11:25
- ❖ Mark 8:6; 14:23
- ❖ Luke 22:17, 19
- ❖ John 6:11, 23
- ❖ I Corinthians 11:24

I Corinthians 11:23-24

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Paul on thanksgiving:

- ❖ I Corinthians 14:16
- ❖ II Corinthians 2:14; 9-11-15
- ❖ Ephesians 5:4, 20
- ❖ Philippians 4:6
- ❖ Colossians 2:7; 4:2
- ❖ I Thessalonians 3:9
- ❖ I Timothy 2:1

II Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Revelation 7:11-12

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor

and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!”

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper