

11. How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder:

The Thanksgiving season is a wonderful time to heighten your sensitivity to the blessings bestowed by God. Thanksgiving grabs your attention, shakes the cobwebs loose, & reminds you of all God's most precious gifts.

John MacArthur

I cannot say anything much worse of a man than that he is not thankful to those who have been his benefactors; and when you say that he is not thankful to God, you have said about the worst thing you can say of him.

I fear there are thousands who call themselves Christians, who are not thankful, and yet they never thought themselves very guilty on that account.

There should be a parallel between our supplications and our thanksgivings. We ought not to leap in prayer, and limp in praise.

Charles Spurgeon

If you can't be thankful for what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped.

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Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.

A. W. Tozer

Gratitude changes the pangs of memory into a tranquil joy.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Nothing cures ingratitude as quickly as a good memory.

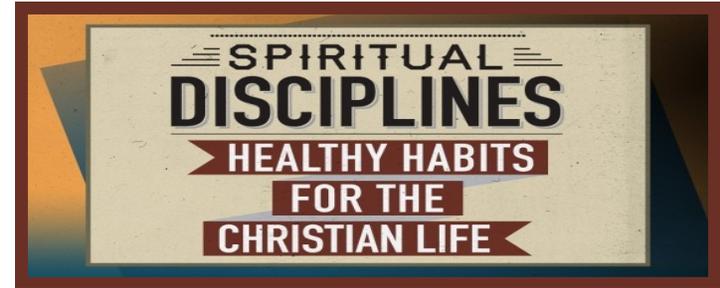
Woodrow Kroll

Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts.

Andrew Murray

It must be an odd feeling to be thankful to nobody in particular. Christians in public institutions often see this odd thing happening on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone in the institution seems to be thankful "in general." It's very strange. It's a little like being married in general.

Cornelius Plantinga



Message #9: Disciplines for Godliness – Gratitude

November 6, 2016

1. The True Story of Thanksgiving

2. What are We to be Thankful For?

3. Use the Holidays for God's Purposes

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you? Called for more clarification?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. Read *Psalm 103*. What blessings does David mention? How do they apply to your life?

4. In *Psalm 136*, what things prompted the psalmist's thanksgiving? How can this psalm serve as a model for your own praise and thanksgiving?

5. According to these verses in *Colossians*, what are we to be thankful for?

1:12 —

3:16 —

2:6-7 —

3:17 —

3:15 —

4:2 —

6. In the following verses, what are we to be thankful for?

Psalm 75:1 —

Romans 8:28 —

Acts 27:35 —

1 Corinthians 15:57 —

Romans 6:17 —

2 Corinthians 2:14 —

7. As Christians, what attitude should come naturally to us?

Ephesians 5:20 —

1 Thessalonians 5:18 —

Philippians 4:6 —

Hebrews 13:15 —

8. What is a characteristic of those who repress the truth about God (*Romans 1:21*)?

9. Why is expressing gratitude to God such a fundamental characteristic that we must continually cultivate?

10. What can you do to express your gratitude toward God more frequently and fervently?