

The Attitude of Gratitude

Ephesians 5:20

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I. Introduction

Four Levels of Living

- Lowest Level - Constantly Complaining
- Second Level - Never Express Gratitude To God or Anyone
- Third Level - “Thanks for obvious blessings and when things are good.”
- Highest Level - “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

II. This Type of Living Is Proper

“...unto God and the Father...” **Ephesians 5:20a**

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. **James 1:17**

2 Classes of People In The World

- Those who take things for granted
- Those who take things with gratitude

III. This Type of Living Is Perpetual

“...giving thanks always...” **Ephesians 5:20b**

*Blessed be the Lord,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation!* **Psalms 68:19**

*They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.* **Lamentations 3:23**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **Philippians 4:6**

IV. This Type of Living Is Pervasive

“...for all things...” **Ephesians 5:20c**

- A. Give Thanks For Spiritual Things
- B. Give Thanks For Simple Things
- C. Give Thanks For Sorrowful Things

V. This Type of Living Is Pleasurable

*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **Ephesians 5:18-19***

VI. This Type of Living Is Possible

20 *giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Ephesians 5:20***