

# Thanks Living

Some people are complainers, some are praisers. The question today is which one am I, and which one are you? It's amazing sometimes when we take the time to think about it how different people can experience the same circumstance and react totally different. One will gripe and complain while the other will take it in stride and find something good to say regardless of the situation. Let's look at the Word of God today and see which one of those we should attempt to become.

## **1 Thess. 5:18\***

**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

### **I. The will of God**

A. Sometimes it is clear, sometimes it isn't but in this case it is crystal clear -  
GIVE THANKS

B. If we gripe we are outside of the will of God, even when things are bad and give us a good reason to gripe!

### **II. Generation of Ingratitude**

#### **A. 2 Timothy 3:1-5**

**1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

#### **B. Time to "Break away from the Norm"**

1. Be a trend setter- Be a Praiser and a Giver of Thanks
  - a. At home
  - b. At the office
  - c. In your neighborhood
2. Let your light shine - Be different

- a. Don't just follow the crowd  
nasty day - wonderful day
- b. It's not going to be easy but be  
careful and catch yourself

### III. God is worthy of our Praise and Thanksgiving

#### A. Psalm 100

<<A Psalm of praise.>> **Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,  
all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.  
Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we  
ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates  
with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless  
his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to  
all generations.**

#### B. God is God, God is Good, God is Great

### IV. Our response to Him who deserves our Thanks

- A. GIVE HIM THANKS
- B. Let Him be the LORD of your Life
- C. Let Praise and Thanks giving become your lifestyle
- D. Don't just say it, DO IT

**Jas 1:22\* But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your  
own selves**

### V. A Call to Thanks Living

This Thanksgiving and Every Day be Full of Thanks  
and give Thanks and Praise to God even in the midst  
of struggle and frustration. Don't let the troubles of this  
life get your focus off of the good things that God has  
done in your life. We all have so much to be thankful  
for.