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Giving Thanks in All Circumstances

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“One of the key _____ for a life well lived is the practice of _____.”

1. Giving thanks trains our heart.

- A heart of _____ sees everything they have as _____ .
- A heart of _____ sees everything they have as _____ .
- A heart of _____ sees everything they have as a _____ .
- _____ trains our heart that _____ we have is a _____.

“...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust?” (Matthew 5:45)

Principle Explained: “When we say thank you _____ that we actually believe everything is an _____ gift from God, we train our souls to _____ discontent, selfishness, covetousness, self-pity and greed.”

2. When we say _____ to God, we _____ as the source of all things.

“Give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:20)

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:29)

Principle Explained: “When we say thank you to another _____, we give them the gift of _____ – affirming we notice them and they _____.”

3. Make gratitude a _____ for your day.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Principle Explained: “Gratitude is always fitting for _____; a distinguishing mark of a person living in the will of God.”

4. How does one practice gratitude and thanksgiving?

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:16-17)

“do no be anxious about anything, but in everything be prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

“I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?

You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.

You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.” (Psalm 77:11-15)

Practice Gratitude and Thanksgiving Together

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____