

(ABC's that threaten Christian living)

Thanklessness And Ingratitude

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Timeless Truths (Why should I avoid thanklessness and ingratitude?)

1. One of the activities of those who know God, but do not glorify Him as God is to be unthankful, Rom. 1:21.
2. One of the traits of those living in the perilous times of the last days will be to become unthankful, 2 Tim. 3:2.
3. Christians are commanded to give thanks in all that they say or do, Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18.
4. It is easy to give hypocritical thanks, Luke 18:11 (cf. Luke 18:9-14).
5. There are too many people who receive benefits from the ministry of Jesus Christ and are unthankful which may reveal a "faith" problem, Luke 17:11-19.

Practical Prescriptions (How can I avoid thanklessness & ingratitude?)

1. Reflect on what God has done for you!

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15.

"...Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light." Col. 1:12.

2. Replace offensiveness with thankfulness!

"...Let it not even be named among you as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks." Eph. 5:4.

3. Respond to God in prayer with thankfulness!

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:20.

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

"Therefore by Him, let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." Heb. 13:15.

"You also helping in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many." 2 Cor. 1:11.

4. Receive your daily supply of food with the giving of thanks!

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it received with thanksgiving." 1 Tim. 4:5.

5. Reproduce the life of faith in your life with thanksgiving!

"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." Col. 2:7.