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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Gratitude Should Be Expressed!"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

is created for worship upon themselves. and if he refuses to let then mankind will put something or someone in God's place. True victories in life are won by Christians who are joyful, prayerful and thankful.

We are to express gratitude always, simply because Scripture says to. David wrote, "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." (Psalms 68:19) We are always to be thankful for God's daily goodness and mercy.

2 Corinthians says we are to thank God for His indescribable gift, Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 9:15) Paul says we are to thank God continually for those who receive God's Word. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

There is no trouble

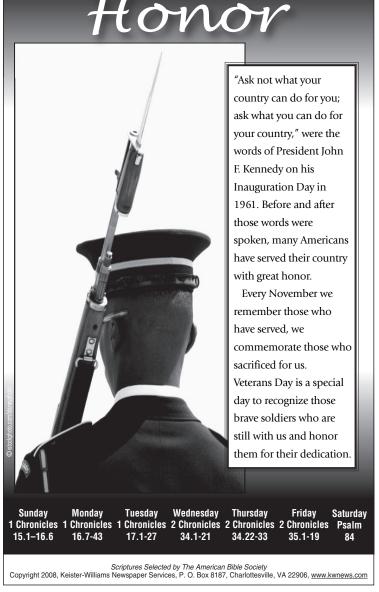
Scripture speaks of that God cannot handle. tians have victory over sacrifice of praise - the two obligations of man By His grace, He has even death and the grave.... (1 fruit of our lips confess to God, praising and delivered people from Corinthians 15:57) The His name." Believers obeying Him. Man trouble they have brought theme of Paul's epistles are to offer praise to

often pointed Christians God continually. Since Through Christ we tothankfulness. Hebrews a loving God is work-God have the place have deliverance from 13:15 says, "Through ing out His purposes of true honor, which indwelling sin. (Romans Jesus, therefore let us all the time, there is no rightly belongs to Him, 7-8) Born again Chris-continually offer to Goda circumstance in which

praise should not be given.

For application's sake: Have you ever thanked God for the person who planted the seeds of the gospel into your life? Have you thanked Him for the prayer intercessors He raised up in your behalf? Have you ever thanked God for those who feed the Word of God to you and to those who are putting God's Word out in the world? Have you ever thanked God for your parents who have been given Biblical oversight over you? When was the last time you thanked God for your helpmate or for your husband? When was the last time you thanked God for His provision?

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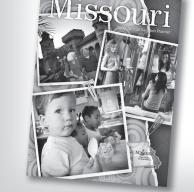
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