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Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Thanksgiving"

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"How to Say Thanks"

deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated." The Apostle Paul was led of the Holy Spirit of Christ to express thankfulness and he was a master at it. He expressed appreciation to God and to others as well. Paul wrote most of the New Testament and it is normal to read phrases like, "I always thank God for you...," (1 Corinthians 1:4) "Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...," (2 Corinthians 1:3; Ephesians 1:3) "I thank God every time Iremember you...," (Philippians 1:3) We always thank God...," (Colossians 1:3) "We always thank God for all of you..." (1 Thessalonians) "We ought to always thank God for you...," (2 Thessalonians 1:3) "I thank Jesus our Lord...," (1 Timothy 1:12) "I thank God...," (2 Timothy 1:3) and lastly, "I always thank God for you as I remember you in my prayers...," (Philemon 1:4)

God wants His elect to be appreciative as in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 which says, "...encourage one another and build each other up..." The Apostle Paul gives this

Appreciation raises value. exhortation, "Do not let any may benefit those who listen." William James said, "The unwholesome talk come out of (Ephesians 4:29) Through the your mouths, but only what is leading of the Holy Spirit, Paul helpful for building others up gives us short exhortations that according to their needs, that it direct the motion of our hearts

Listen to God

A new puppy is a delight, until we try to get him to obey our orders! If we can't teach him to listen, he might run away and get hurt. A well loved puppy, however, is slowly and patiently trained, until he almost always obeys and is mostly safe. Could God feel the same way about us? We can live our lives according to His Word and surely we are safer and

happier when we do so. He also gave us free will, and our human nature seems to often lead us astray; yet, we are well loved by God and He will never give up on us. Worship God this week and train in His Word.

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Weekly Scripture Reading Psalm Psalm Psalm Psalm Psalm Psalm Psalm 135 136 138 73 75 85 Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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and lives and give us duties of great importance, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Through the Lord's faithful servant, Paul, an Apostle who exemplified a life of gratitude to God, Christ, and submission to the Holy Spirit we have Colossians 2:7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

The Word of God teaches clearly how we can say thanks to God, Christ and be enabled by the Holy Spirit to express gratitude to the blood purchased Body of Christ.

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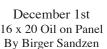
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