

## Sermon Synopsis

### “Giving Thanks”

1 Thessalonians 5:13a-18

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**“What is “Thanksgiving?”** I guess you could say that Thanksgiving is a time set aside to give thanks for all the good in our lives. True thanksgiving is an action and an attitude, *an action and an attitude of the heart.*

The apostle Paul tells us to **“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** (1 Thess. 5:18)

### **What do you have to give thanks for this Thanksgiving?**

It is easy to be thankful when everything is going well. **Yes, gratefulness often comes easy when we have a solid marriage, reasonable health, good kids, and money in the bank.** But what about when the marriage is not going well, or our health is on the rocks, or the kids are rebelling, or our account balances begin to stress us out? It is not so easy to give thanks then.

**God’s Word tells us to, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” Even in our time of need, we also need to remember to thank God.**

**Giving thanks can change your life!** Some days it may seem that there is little to thank God for. But there is always some glimmer of light in the darkness. **And every day ...we should thank God for the gift of His son and the hope of eternal life.** God has demonstrated his mercy by giving his Son to die for us. **God loves you!**

God commands us to give thanks because He knows all the good that he can work in us when we do so! **This attitude, in turn, can totally transform our lives—if we will do it.**