

The Grateful Heart of a Disciple "LIVE LIKE JESUS" sermon series

Colossians 3:15-17 NASB

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

THANKFUL PEOPLE ARE CONTENT.

They are over whelmed with all they've been given!

Ephesians 1:3 NASB

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

THANKFUL PEOPLE EXPECT MORE TO COME.

They have learned to trust Jesus!

John 14:1-2 NIV

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

THANKFUL PEOPLE ARE HUMBLE.

We did not earn these blessings!

1 Corinthians 4:7 NIV

What do you have that you did not receive?

PRIDE SLAYS THANKSGIVING, BUT A HUMBLE MIND IS THE SOIL OUT OF WHICH THANKS NATURALLY GROW, A PROUD MAN IS SELDOM A GRATEFUL MAN, FOR HE NEVER THINKS HE GETS AS MUCH AS HE DESERVES.

~ HENRY WARD BEECHER

THANKFUL PEOPLE FORGIVE.

Look at all we've been forgiven!

Colossians 3:13 NASB

...bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

THANKFUL PEOPLE ARE GENEROUS.

They want to be givers too!

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NIV

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

THANKFUL PEOPLE REMEMBER.

Even on the worse days!

Job 1:21 NASB

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
And naked I shall return there.
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.
Blessed be the name of the LORD."

THANKFUL PEOPLE ENJOY!

What are His good gifts for!

Psalms 100 NASB

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
3 Know that the LORD Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name.
5 For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting,
And His faithfulness to all generations.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NASB

16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 26:26-28 NIV

Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Questions:

~ Knowing this is not a comprehensive list - what other characteristics of a *THANKFUL PERSON* can you list?

~What scriptures would you use to justify or explain this characteristic?

~ Which characteristic of thankfulness needs the most work in your own life?