

*Radiant Living
Worship Center*



O Give Thanks

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If there are three primary characteristics that exemplify a Christian they are:

- Praise
- Prayer
- Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks; an act or expression of gratitude. Though the means and modes may vary, God is most Glorified when you are satisfied with Him. **Psalms 92 lays the groundwork for the essentials of Thanksgiving.**

1. Remembering what God has done.
2. Telling others about it.
3. Showing others the Glory of God.
4. Offering your gifts, talents, and time to God.

If you are thankful then your life will clearly show it.

The reality of life is that you will not always be able to avoid challenges and circumstances, but God stills commands and demands thanks:

1Thessalonians 5:18 *“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*

Notice that this verse does not expect us to be thankful for everything, but **in** the midst of everything you can give thanks to God for His Will - will be revealed:

His will:

1. will unify (Romans 8:28)
2. will fortify (Isaiah 59:19, Philippians 4:7)
3. will purify (causes me to think above)
4. will satisfy (Philippians 4:11-13)

Thanksgiving keeps my mind from thinking wrong. Thanksgiving keep my heart from feeling wrong.

I don't know about you but there are many reasons to give thanks unto the Lord:

- Every time I remember His Holiness (Psalms 30:4)
- For He is good (Psalms 107:1)
- His mercy endureth forever (Psalms 107:1)
- Because of His righteous judgments (Psalms 119:62)
- The upright will dwell in His presence (Psalms 140:13)
- He has delivered me from my wanderings (Psalms 107:2-9)
- He has delivered me from the prison of sin (Psalms 107:10-16)
- He has healed my body over and over again (Psalms 107:17-22)
- He has shielded me during the storms of life (Psalms 107:23-32)