

EPHESIANS 5:18-20

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# REASONS TO BE THANKFUL

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# Give Thanks Always

**Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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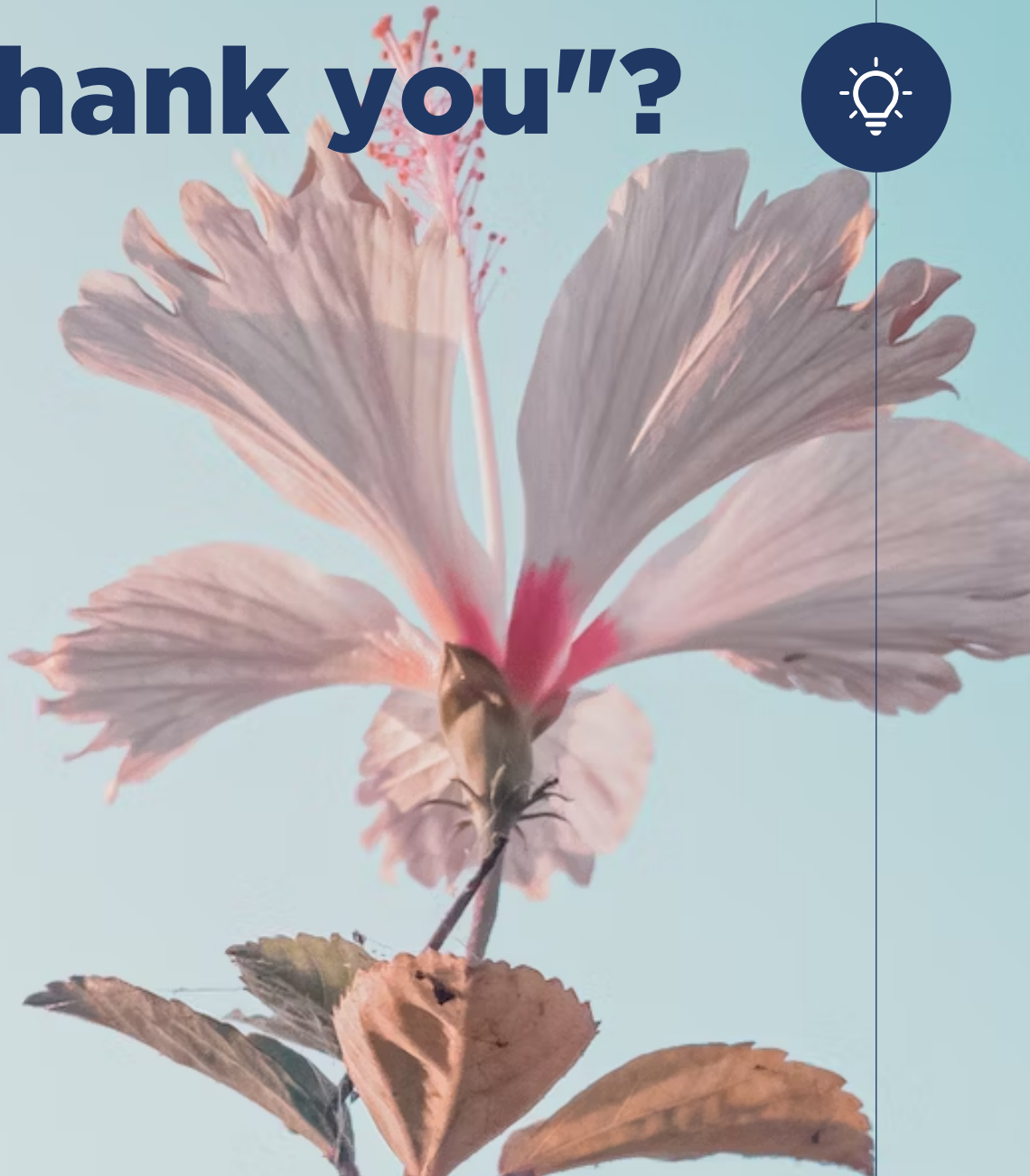
THANK YOU



**It is the expected and polite response and attitude.**

WHY BE THANKFUL?

# How can we say "Thank you"?



# Do you know how to say thank you from the heart?



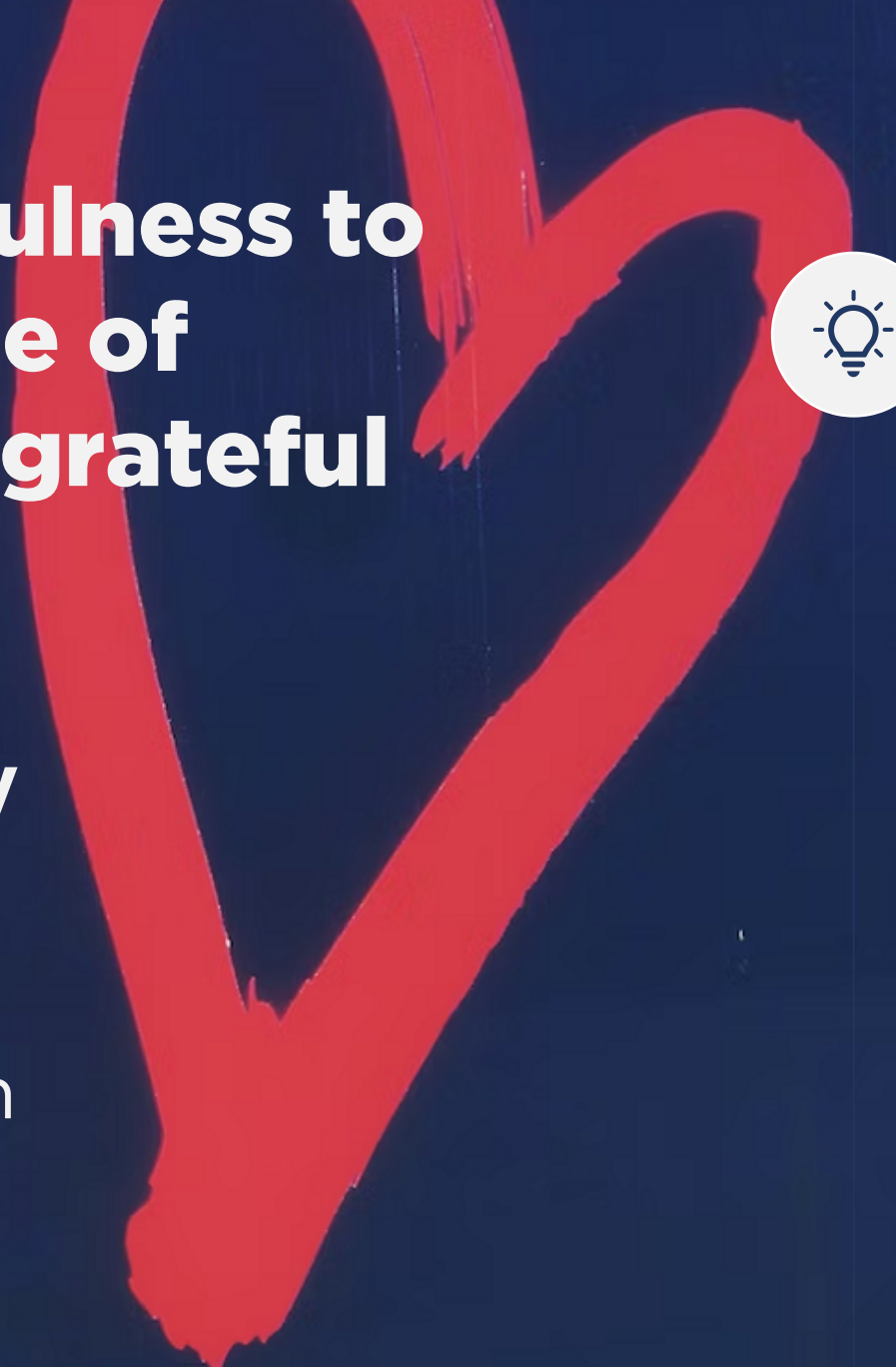
- Can you thank God when you are sad? Or when someone or something has made you mad?
- Why not make a choice to rejoice and be glad? Or do you get even and be bad

**Let's start today with thankfulness to God, and cultivate an attitude of gratitude, a culture of being grateful from the heart.**



**Psalms 118:24 MEV - This is the day that the Lord has made**

- "This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."



**Enter His gates with thanksgiving**

**"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

**Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his  
pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and  
his courts with praise; give thanks to  
him and praise his name.**

**For the Lord is good and his love  
endures forever; his faithfulness  
continues through all generations."**



## **Psalms 100:1-5 NIV**



# Give thanks always for everything

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**Ephesians  
5:18-20**





## **Sing with thankful hearts**

**Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.**

**Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.**

**Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.**

**And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.**



**Colossians  
3:16-17 NLT**



# Thankfulness and Gratitude are a little known key to victorious Christian living



## James 5:13 NLT - Pray and Praise

Are any of you suffering hardships?

You should pray.

Are any of you happy?

You should sing praises.

# Follow the Example of Worshipers like King David and the Apostle Paul



## 1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV - Follow my Example

- Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

## 1 Corinthians 11:1 NLT - Imitate me and Christ

- And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.



**Jesus does not want his followers to contradict the Holy Spirit, but to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.**

**Be Filled with the Spirit and bear fruit of the Spirit.**



## Imitate God - by being thankful

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you.

Such sins have no place among God's people.

Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes-these are not for you.

Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.



## **Ephesians 5:1-20 NLT**



## Imitate God - by being thankful

You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.

Don't participate in the things these people do.

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord.

So live as people of light!



## **Ephesians 5:1-20 NLT**



## Imitate God - by being thankful

For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.

But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible.

This is why it is said,

“Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

So be careful how you live.



## **Ephesians 5:1-20 NLT**



## Imitate God - by being thankful

Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.

Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **Ephesians 5:1-20 NLT**





# Gratitude is the antidote for many vices

- God is pretty much commanding us to be thankful in the good and bad and to use our lips and mouths to speak...
- Good not Evil
- Blessing not curses
- Positive words and not negative words
- Thankfulness not complaining



# Words can defile you or define you



## Matthew 15:18 NLT - Words from the heart or spirit

- "But the words you speak come from the heart - that's what defiles you."

## Matthew 12:34 - The mouth speaks what is in the heart

- For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.



## Be thankful in all circumstances

Always be joyful.

Never stop praying.

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.

Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said.

Hold on to what is good.

Stay away from every kind of evil.



**1 Thess.  
5:16-22 NLT**



# Being grateful is much more than just saying "Thank you."

- It is Thanksgiving
- In the Old Testament they brought thanksgiving offerings to be sacrificed to God.

## **Leviticus 22:29-30 AMP - Offer a Thanksgiving Offering**

"When you sacrifice an offering of thanksgiving to the Lord, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until the next morning; I am the Lord.



# The thanksgiving offering is accompanied by music and singing

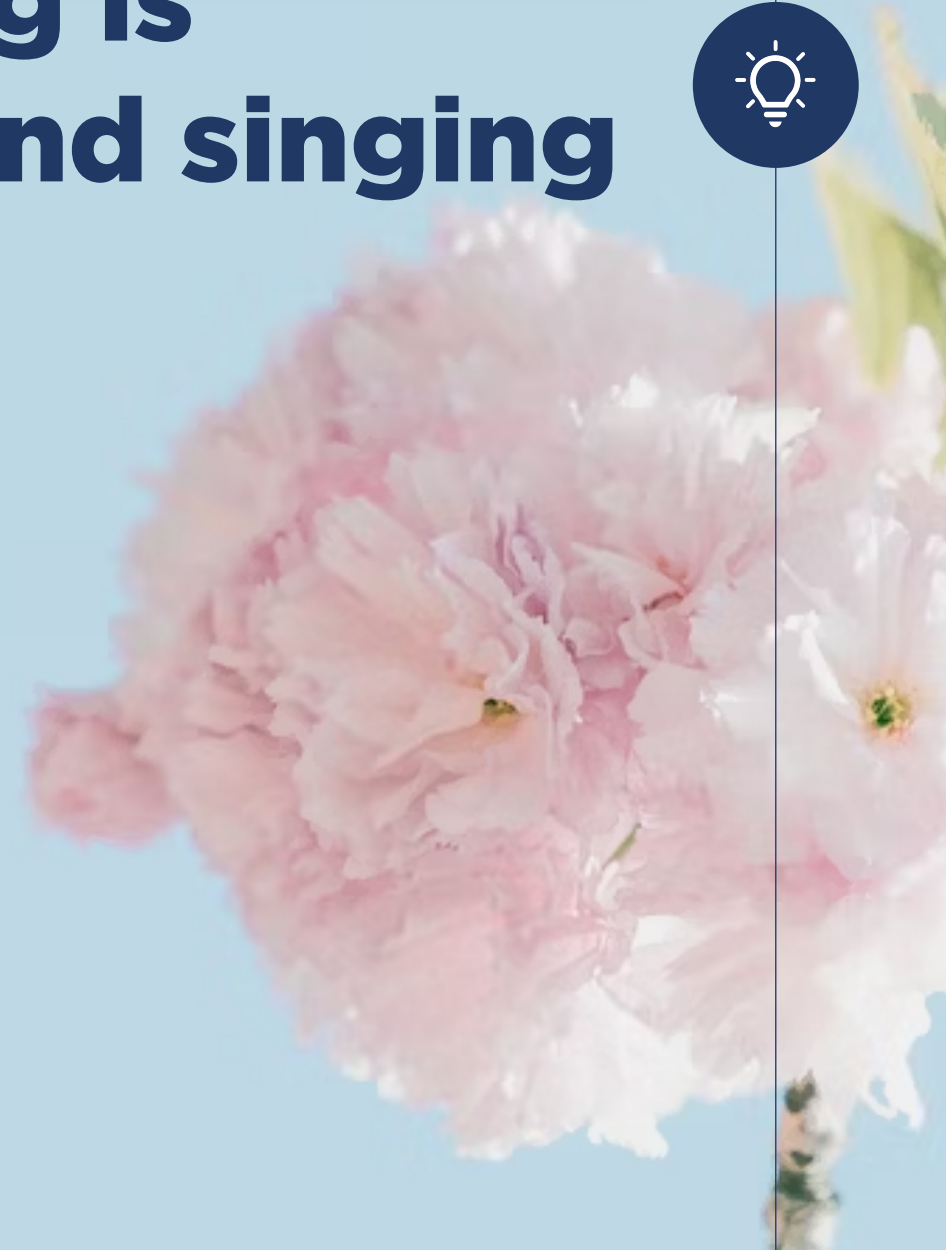


## **Psalms 95:2 NIV - Come before him with thanksgiving**

- "Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

## **Psalms 69:30 - Glorify Him with thanksgiving**

- "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."



# Do you need more reasons to be thankful?

**God is our provider.**

**Matthew 6:25-26 - No worries mate**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not much more valuable than they?"



# **Philippians 4:19 - God will meet all our needs**

**"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."**





# Pray with us

For “whoever calls on  
the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13





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