

## **THANKSGIVING OR COMPLAINING**

### **God's attitude toward complaining.**

<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. Philippians 4:11

<sup>23</sup> But he commanded the skies to open; he opened the doors of heaven. <sup>24</sup> He rained down manna for them to eat; he gave them bread from heaven. <sup>25</sup> They ate the food of angels! God gave them all they could hold. Psalm 78:23 - 25

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without murmuring and disputing. Philippians 2:14

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

<sup>18</sup> Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

### **1. ACT THANKFULLY!**

- a. It begins with a heart of service.
- b. Acting thankfully also involves sacrifice.
- c. We can also act thankfully by sharing what we have.

### **2. THINK THANKFULLY!**

<sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:12 - 17

### **3. TALK THANKFULLY!**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. <sup>2</sup> Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. <sup>3</sup> Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD.

Psalms 105: 1 – 3

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1 Thessalonians 5:18