

# PHILIPPIANS Lesson 45

## Chapter 4, verses 4-6: Why We Should Give Thanks to the Lord

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“In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

### THANKFUL FOR PEACE

Isaiah 51:3

Jer. 30:18-19 When God turns the captivity of His people, Israel, there will be joy, gladness and thanksgiving in the land.

- When wars end and people enjoy safety at last, they are thankful to God.

### THANKFUL FOR THE BOUNTY AND BLESSINGS OF GOD

2 Cor. 9:11 When lost people are enriched, they attribute it to “good luck” or “good fortune.” They don’t consider that God is their benefactor. They give credit elsewhere.

When saved people are enriched, we give thanks to God for all the many blessings He bestows upon us.

### THANKFUL FOR GOOD TEACHING

Col. 2:6-7 “...as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

- Be thankful to God for placing people in your life who have taught you God’s truths and taught you how to live in a way that pleases God.
  - Ministers, Sunday school teachers, Christian brothers and sisters, godly parents or grandparents.

### THANKFUL FOR FOOD

1 Tim. 4:3-4 God created food to be received with thanksgiving. God does not refuse any kind of food from the Christian— “***IF it be received with thanksgiving.***”

- Many people only pray to God when they don’t have sufficient food.
- We need to pray and give thanks to God because we DO have ample food.
  - Hungry men pray. Full men rarely do.

### THANKFUL FOR HEAVEN

Rev. 7:11-12 In heaven, you will give thanks to God because He made a way for you to be there and see your Savior face to face.

- You will be thankful you’re not being tormented, gnashing your teeth in outer darkness with the Devil and his angels.

### THE CAUSE OF SINS

Rom. 1:21 When you are not thankful to God, it leads to sin. Sin leads to God giving you up (vs 24, 26, 28) so that you become a habitual sinner.

### THANKSGIVING IS THE ACCEPTED SACRIFICE

Jonah 2:9 “**But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving...**” Jonah was a man under the law. He could not sacrifice an animal to God while he was in the whale’s belly. His sacrifice was thanking God with his lips.

- God doesn’t want your money. He wants your heart.