

How To Develop Gratitude

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Luke 17:11-19

Thanksgiving is the act of **expressing specific gratitude to God.**

But the sad truth is that most of us aren't grateful people.

Despite all the blessings God has bestowed upon us, we remain anything but thankful.

Psalm 103:2

Now why do you think that is? Why are we so inclined to forget God?

I. REASONS FOR OUR UNGRATEFULNESS

A. We are so ungrateful because of _____.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

B. Another reason perhaps we are ungrateful people is _____.

Psalm 10:4

C. Another reason we are so ungrateful is the _____ we choose to surround ourselves with.

1 Corinthians 15:33

D. We are sometimes ungrateful because of _____.

II. HOW DO WE DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE/THANKSGIVING?

A. One thing I think we can do to develop a spirit of thanksgiving is to remember how much _____ pleases God.

Gratitude makes God happy

Psalm 92:1; Colossians 2:6-7; Col. 4:2; Philippians 4:6

Ps. 92:2-6; 2 Chron. 5:13-14

B. In order to develop a spirit of thanksgiving in our lives we need to avoid _____ at all costs.

Numbers 11:1

C. To develop a spirit of thanksgiving in our lives is make a _____ to be thankful.

D. To produce a spirit of thanksgiving is to develop _____ of giving thanks.

Application:

1. Make a list of things that the Lord has done for you.

2. Make a list of the things you have (and or have) done for the Lord.

Who is making out better?