



#5 “What Happens When You Give Thanks” - Part 2

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV) Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.

Proverbs 13:3 (TPT) Guard your words and you’ll guard your life, but if you don’t control your tongue, it will ruin everything.

Psalms 19:14 (NLT) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

1. **Gratitude** _____.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Luke 17:5 (NIV) The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

Mark 9:24 (NIV) Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

When we give thanks:

- We become more aware of God’s blessings.
- We increase appreciation for God’s goodness.
- We build anticipation of God’s care in our present and future.
- We increase our willingness and readiness to obey God’s Word and will.

Colossians 2:7 (NLT) Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

2. Gratitude is a key part of the _____ to God's _____.

Matthew 6:25 (NLT) That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

John 14:27 (NLT) I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Philippians 4:6-8 (TLB) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say this one more thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about.

Colossians 3:15 (NCV) Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because you were all called together in one body to have peace. Always be thankful.

3. Gratitude gives _____ for the _____.

Hebrews 12:1 (TPT) As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us.

4. Gratitude _____.

1 Thessalonians 3:9 (NLT) How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence.