

**In Everything
Give Thanks**

First World Complaints

You buy a hybrid for your long commute & now you can work @ home

You step on a water spot in your kitchen & now your sock is wet

Your kids used all the hot water – now your shower will have to wait

None of your wiper speeds are appropriate for the amount of rain

1 click on your mechanical pencil is not enough, but 2 clicks is too much

You fast forward a video 10 seconds & it takes 20 seconds to load

Your camera for backing up is fogged – you'll have to turn around

Your boss lets you stay at his condo in Hawaii... but when you arrive you realize the condo association doesn't allow air conditioning

We Have Much to Be Thankful For!

Our nation is one of religious freedom and economic opportunities

Our level of persecution pales in comparison to much of the world

We have access to plenty of water (hot and cold) and food

We have access to the Word of God in many ways

As a Christian, we have the promise of never being forsaken

As a Christian, we have the promise of complete forgiveness

As a Christian, we have the promise of eternal life

As a Christian, we will be in the presence of our Lord forever

Psalm 100:4-5 (HCSB) ⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

⁵ For Yahweh is good, and His love is eternal;

His faithfulness endures through all generations.

Approaching the Lord should begin with thankfulness and lead into praise. When we reflect upon who God is, our hearts should be thankful and full of praise.

There is never a time when God's character changes. We should always have an attitude of thankfulness knowing that even in difficult circumstances, He is always in control.

God's love is not only good... it lasts forever, and we are the recipients of this great love. The life we have in Him is also everlasting.

When you consider how regularly we encounter unfaithfulness, it should result in giving continued thanks to our faithful Lord?

1 Chronicles 16:8 (ESV) Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Psalms 69:30 (KJV) I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Job 1:21 (NASB1995) He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Do you share God's hand in your life to give Him glory and to share His work with others?

The most difficult time to thank the Lord is during periods of tremendous trials

Regularly singing to the Lord gives Him praise. Thanking Him magnifies His name to the world.

Do you thank and praise the Lord only when times are good?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; **for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (HCSB)

¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will triumph in Yahweh; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! ¹⁹ Yahweh my Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!

For the choir director: on stringed instruments.

Will you give God thanks and praise in everything?