
SERMON OUTLINE

A Thankful Attitude

Selected from letters of Paul

1. How we get it: A thankful attitude is SUPERNATURAL.
 - A. A thankful attitude comes only as we depend on the Holy Spirit because gratitude is unnatural to us (Ephesians 5:18-19).
 - B. A thankful attitude requires commitment to God's word and worship because these disciplines focus us on God's perspective (Colossians 3:15-17).
2. What it does: A thankful attitude is the key to PRAYER.
 - A. When we have a thankful attitude we honor God by trusting him with our circumstances (Colossians 3:17; 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).
 - B. When we have a thankful attitude we can experience peace as we pray about our worries (Philippians 4:6-7).
3. What it does: A thankful attitude is the key to ENJOYMENT.
 - A. A thankful attitude allows us to enjoy God's unique personal blessings (1 Corinthians 10:30-31; 1 Timothy 4:3-5).
 - B. A thankful attitude enables us to enjoy God's financial provisions – whether little or much (1 Timothy 6:17-18; Philippians 4:10-13).

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