

## DAILY READING PLAN

Week of January 22, 2022

Extraordinary Gratitude

Luke 17:11-19



**Day One: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | *Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.***

What is the difference between being thankful **IN** all circumstances and being thankful **FOR** all circumstances? On what grounds can we be thankful in all circumstances?

**Day Two: Read Psalm 34:1-8 | *I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak His praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt His name together. I prayed to the Lord, and He answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to Him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; He saved me from all my troubles. For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!***

The psalmist gives lots of reasons for gratitude. Which ones can you relate to in your own experience?

**Day Three: Read Philippians 4:4-7 | *Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.***

So often we pray in order to ask God for what we need. Nothing wrong with that! But how can you couple those prayers with thanksgiving?

**Day Four: Read Colossians 3:16-17 | *Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom He gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.***

Doing *everything* with thanksgiving is a tall order! Can you wash the dishes with thanksgiving if you focus on the fact that you have the strength, the arms and hands and dexterity to do those dishes? How might that change your experience?

**Day Five: Read Psalm 100 | *Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation.***

How do you tend to enter the sanctuary when you come for worship? Do you enter the “gates” with thanksgiving? Make a commitment to doing just that this weekend and see how it changes your experience of worship!