

**Thanks for Everything!**  
**1 Thess 5:18**



1. Choose to take the **time** to be thankful in the moment. (Eccl 3:1)

***In*** everything give thanks;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

To ***everything there is a season***, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

- Thankfulness can be expressed **before** an event.
  - Thankfulness can be expressed **after** an event.
  - Thankfulness can be expressed **during** an event
2. Choose to make a **habit** of being thankful in everything. (Ps 103:2)

In ***everything*** give thanks;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and ***forget none*** of His benefits;

- Our thanksgiving should include all **people**.
  - Our thanksgiving should include all **predicaments**.
  - Our thanksgiving should include all **pathways**.
3. Choose to **acknowledge** your thankfulness to all. (Phil 1:3-5)

In everything ***give thanks***;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I thank my God...***always in every prayer of mine for you***... thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

- We acknowledge our thanks with **words** of appreciation.
  - We acknowledge our thanks with **works** of service.
  - We acknowledge our thanks with a **winsome** attitude.
4. Choose to **Never** miss a day of thanksgiving. (Eph. 1:15-16)

In everything give thanks;  
***for this is*** God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- Thanksgiving exercises the **will** of God.
- Thanksgiving is exercised in the **worship** of God.
- Thanksgiving is exercised to bear **witness** to God.

For this reason I too, ***having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus*** which exists among you and your love for all the saints, ***do not cease giving thanks for you***, while making mention of you in my prayers;

5. Choose to **kneel** and be thankful. (Dan 6:10)

In everything give thanks;  
for this is ***God's will for you*** in Christ Jesus.

Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed...***he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks*** before his God, as he had been doing previously.

- Thanksgiving is a **personal** command.
- Thanksgiving is a **powerful** command.
- Thanksgiving is a **positive** command.

6. Choose to give thanks for your **salvation**. (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

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for this is God's will for you ***in Christ Jesus***.

"O DEATH, ***WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?*** O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but ***thanks be to God, who gives us the victory*** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- We are saved from the **penalty** of sin.
- We are saved from the **power** of sin.
- We are saved from the **presence** of sin.

As we express our gratitude,  
we must never forget that the  
highest appreciation is not to  
utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

