

**Thanksgiving Sermon  
"Attitudes That Go With Gratitude"  
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

I. Introduction

II. The will of God in Christ Jesus for us

1. Unrelenting joy
2. Unceasing prayer
3. Unfailing gratitude

III. Some attitudes that go with gratitude

1. A gladness of heart that remembers God's deeds (Psalm 9:1-2).
2. An eternal commitment to thanking God (Psalm 30:11-12).
3. A consistent boasting in God (Palm 44:8).
4. A whole-hearted dedication to God's glory (Psalm 86:12-13).
5. A grateful awareness of God's presence (Psalm 75:1).
6. An eager fearlessness of people (Psalm 109:30).
7. A joyful focus on others (Philippians 1:3-5).
8. A thankful recognition of our calling (Colossians 3:17).
9. A steadfast perseverance in prayer (Colossians 4:2).
10. A grateful understanding of our victory in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57).

#### IV. Conclusion – a final word

#### **QUOTES**

1. Paul David Tripp:

*Here is one of the most beautiful fruits of grace—a heart that is content, more given to worship than demand and more given to the joy of gratitude than the anxiety of want. It is grace and grace alone that can make this kind of peaceful living [a reality] for each of us.*

2. Jim Eliff:

*The problem with being thankful is not so much one of manners as it is of alertness to the facts, that is, simply having open eyes to what is true. And it is true that you and I deserve nothing good. No, more than that, we deserve everything bad – an eternity in hell. We could probably nip ungratefulness in the bud if we could ever learn well what we deserve because of our sins.*

3. John Piper:

*Gratitude is a beautiful thing. There is no Christianity without it. It is at the heart of worship. It should fill the heart of every believer.*

#### **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES:**

- **Ps. 118:23-24**
- **Ps. 16:8**
- **Ps.140:13**
- **Ps. 7:17; Ps. 69:30; Ps. 118:1**
- **Ps.92:1**
- **Ps. 50:22-23; Rom. 1:21**