

*Thanksgiving*

THE CURE TO AN  
OVERWHELMED LIFE  
IS A DAILY OVERDOSE  
OF SCRIPTURE

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THE BIBLE  
IS KINDLING  
FOR THE  
LOVE OF GOD

John Piper

# PSALMS 100

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

2 Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the LORD is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His  
pasture.

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- 4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His name.
- 5 For the LORD is good and His love  
endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all  
generations.

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving and  
His courts with praise. (Ps 100v4)**

There is no access to God,  
into His Presence,  
without thanksgiving and  
praise.

# Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

- ◆ By **thanksgiving** we acknowledge God's goodness.
- ◆ By **praise** we acknowledge God's greatness.
- ◆ And by **worship** we acknowledge God's holiness.



# 1. God commands us to be thankful

## Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

## Psalms 106:1

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.



## 2. Do nothing without giving thanks for it

### Colossians 3:15-17

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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Colossians 3:15-17

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

### 3. Thanksgiving is a natural overflow of the Holy Spirit

#### Ephesians 3:18-20

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 4. The will of God for you is to give thanks in all circumstances

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray continually,

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## 5. Thanksgiving is necessary to make other forms of prayer effective

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

I am persuaded  
God does everything by prayer  
and nothing without it

John Wesley



## 6. Thanksgiving is the first stage of approaching God

Psalms 100:4

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and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His name.



## 7. Thanksgiving unlocks the supernatural miracle power of God

John 6. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.”

11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

## 7. Thanksgiving unlocks the supernatural miracle power of God

### John 11. Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead.

41 Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.”

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

44 The dead man came out.

## 8. The opposite of being thankful

### Romans 1:21

For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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### 1 Cor 10. Warnings From Israel's History

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### Phil 2:4

Do everything without grumbling.

# 9. Three unchanging reasons for thanking God

Psalms 100:4, 5

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## 9. Three unchanging reasons for thanking God

- 1) The LORD is good
- 2) His love endures forever
- 3) His faithfulness continues through all generations



1. Always start with thanksgiving when coming to God and do so often.
2. Find scriptural reasons for being thankful.
3. Get into the practice of thanking God in everything and not murmuring.