

Discovering Your Priceless Treasures IN CHRIST: The Gold of Gratitude!

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♥ A person who is controlled by the Spirit of Jesus expresses **Appreciation**

📖 *Ephesians 5:18-21* (page 829 in the pew Bible)

DEVELOPING ATTITUDES & ACTIONS THAT EXPRESS GRATITUDE:

① The Attitude of Gratitude is

a) NOT **Selfish Greed**

“And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” Luke 12:19-20

b) NOT **Hypocritical Prayers**

“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.’” Luke 18:11

c) Humble **Expression of Thanks**

“Then He said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’” Luke 17:19

② The Magnitude of Gratitude

a) **GOOD: Thanks for Past Blessings**

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17

b) **BETTER: Thanks for Future Challenges**

“He said: ‘Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.’” 2 Chronicles 20:15

c) **BEST: Thanks for Present Difficulties**

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

③ The **Altitude** of Gratitude

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18