

Thanks giving  
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Paul was a very thankful Christian. characteristics had developed in people with whom he had worked for which he was grateful.

1. To the Romans he said, "First I thank my God for you all though Jesus Christ that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."
2. To the Corinthians he said that he gave thanks for the great graces sent to them.
3. To the Philippians he said "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you -- for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now".
4. To the Thessalonians he said, "In every thing give thanks."

"This is a command. A command that takes in a wide sweep. Looks impossible. To walk on water looked impossible."

"In every thing" say things, sorrow things, laughter laden things."

Thankful when we succeed thankful when we fail, when well when sick, when friends are kind enemies unkind.

High peak - How can we reach it? through faith in God. While how faith is born if it can believe he is liberating angel within.

Gratitude is child of faith but must be cultivated. How?

① By not ignoring daily blessings - a

man recovered from bad disease and was thankful woman said she could be thankful too if she had recovered from some disease, forgetting to thank God for good health. Be thankful for handclasp of friends, confidence of associates, love of family circle.

2. Throwing away pride, self sufficiency, and conceit. We blame God for our misfortune but praise and rely on God for good fortune.
3. Refuse to let blessings of others make you despise your own - Ford was enjoyed till a new neighbor in bigger car.
4. Make expression to your thanks. Ten lappers - our game thanks.

Why be grateful in every thing? It is the will of God.

Why His will? He is a lover and love wants to be appreciated. Love will live without it but if so it lives in grief. If you love a person the sorest wound you can inflict is ingratitude. The high water mark of English Tragedy is King Lear - the climax of the tragedy is when the father learned "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child."

