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## FIND THE GOOD AND PRAISE IT

*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

*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:19-20

*...And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 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.*

Colossians 3:15-17

***More gratitude will not come from more acquisitions, but from more awareness of God's presence and God's goodness.***

**Gratitude will always involve a...**

### 1. Benefit

*Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things...*

Psalms 103:2-5

### 2. Benefactor

*Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...*

James 1:16-17

### 3. Beneficiary

*For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile...*

Romans 1:21

*And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.*

1 Corinthians 10:10

#### The Shema

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.*

Acts 3:1

*"Lord, teach us to pray..."*

Luke 11:1

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."*

Matthew 6:9

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it...*

Psalms 24:1

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.*

Mark 14:22-23

***I need to learn to be grateful for imperfect people and imperfect circumstances.***

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for good to those who love God...*

Romans 8:28 NLT

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