

Devotion Info
- The Importance of Gratitude -

DAY 1: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 CSB

- Paul gives three imperative statements here: always, continually, and in all circumstances, as 'God's will in Christ Jesus.' What does this mean to you?
- How are all three of these visibly lived out for Christians?

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- These three commands are possible because of placing faith in Christ. There are times when we think of our salvation as one-time thing, but we are also told by Paul in Phil 2:12- 13 to continue to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. This is NOT a verse on working to earn salvation, but one of reminder, of the need for salvation and our ability to express our gratitude for this salvation regularly.
- How do these three commands play into showing gratitude?

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DAY 3: Read 2 Peter 1:2-4

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2 Peter 1:2-4 CSB

- Verse 3 tells us that we have everything we need for life and godliness.
- What does 'everything' mean?
- Is there anything it doesn't include?

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- Knowing what God has given us in these verses, how does that help shape our ability to express gratitude?

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- Peter uses the words Precious and Great to describe God's promises.
- What makes these promises so great and precious?

Application:

- Take some time this week to list out some of the great and precious promises in your life and express your gratitude towards Christ for them.

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