

ThanksLiving Part 3

There comes a time.....

- **Gratefulness:** a feeling or attitude of gratitude and appreciation that wells up inside when you begin to think about, ponder and recognize the many, many ways you have been blessed by the Lord
- **Thanksgiving:** the outward expression of your inner gratefulness.

Step #1: PRAY

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law” Psalm 119:18

Step #2 Review the Basics of Psalms & Psalm 100

Psalms (see PowerPoint)

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving thanks.

Author & Occasion: unknown

Genre: Royal or Enthronement Psalm (a culmination of royal psalms 96-99)

Date: time when The Temple was built

Focus: an invitation for God’s people to give thanks to The LORD

Unique Features

- 7 imperative verbs in verses 1-4
- Psalm designed for giving thanks
- Who? How? Why? Of Giving Thanks

Step #3: Read the Text & Context Over & Over

Open your Bibles to Psalm 100

Steps 4 & 5: Observations & Research

Psalm 100: Giving Thanks

WHO? Yahweh (15X) = THE LORD = I AM

HOW? (7 imperatives/commands)

v.4

1. ENTER God’s presence with an attitude of gratitude and a mouth full of thanksgiving and praise

HOW? (7 imperatives/commands)

vs. 1-4

2. SHOUT for joy with unashamed enthusiasm (v.1)

Shout = give a blast—verbal expressions of thanksgiving (make a joyful noise--esv)
c/b sing with passionate joy (same verb in Joshua 6:20)

Earth = all earth dwellers (people/everyone)

3. WORSHIP (serve) the Lord with gladness and delight (v.2)

4. COME: present yourself to God with joy filled singing (v.2)

5. KNOW: acknowledge that there is only one true living loving God (v. 3)

Know = understanding in your mind & heart and recognizing that there is only one true God and you belong to Him!

6. THANK God for what He has done (v.4)

7. PRAISE God for who He is (v.4)

WHY? (vs.3 & 5)

1. God created us and we belong to Him (v.3)

2. God chose us to be in His family and God cares for us like a loving shepherd (v.3--see Ephesians 1:3-5)

3. God is absolutely perfectly good (v.5)

4. God's love for us can never be stopped(v.5) (*hesed= steadfast unfailing love & kindness*)

5. God is totally dependable and faithful forever (v.5)

**The perfectly good Lord loves His people
forever and is faithful to them forever.**

Testimonies

ACTION STEPS

1. My challenge for you is to put together a list of the Top 10 Things You are Most Thankful for and use the list daily to thank the Lord throughout November.
2. This Thanksgiving, together with your family and/or friends, read a Thanksgiving psalm and spend time thanking God

God's People Give Thanks!