

“The Most Excellent Way”

Attitude of Victorious Living: “Thankful”

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Thankful: To be aware of a benefit received and acknowledge it.

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Colossians 1:2-12: To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Colossae. Grace and peace to you from God our Father. 3 In our prayers we always thank God for you. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 We thank Him because we have heard about the faith you have in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all of God's people. 5 Your faith and love continue because you know what is waiting for you in heaven—the hope you have had since you first heard the true message, the Good News 6 that was told to you. Throughout the world, this Good News is bringing blessings and is spreading. And that's what has been happening among you since the first time you heard it and understood the truth about God's grace. 7 You heard it from Epaphras, our dear friend and co-worker. He is a faithful servant of Christ for us. 8 He also told us about the love you have from the Spirit. 9 Since the day we heard these things about you, we have continued praying for you. This is what we pray: that you will know fully what God wants; that with your knowledge you will also have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things; 10 that this will help you live in a way that brings honor to the Lord and pleases Him in every way; that your life will produce good works of every kind and that you will grow in your knowledge of God; 11 that God will strengthen you with His own great power, so that you will be patient and not give up when troubles come. Then you will be happy 12 and give thanks to the Father.

Colossians 3:12-17: So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. NASU

“Thanksgiving is the vibration of the soul's heart-strings under the soft touch of God's graciousness.” - Anonymous

“I give it as my testimony that there is a marvelous therapy in thanksgiving.”

—John Blanchard

“As the Lord loves a cheerful giver, so likewise a cheerful thanksgiver.” —John Boys

“A thankful heart has a continual feast.” —W. J. Cameron

“How worthy it is to remember former benefits when we come to beg for help from God.”

“Thankfulness grows best in the seed-bed of conviction, just as some plants must be placed in the soil in the winter if they are to flower in the summer.” —Sinclair Ferguson

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