

Thankfulness: The True Test

Colossians 3:15-17

- The believer is commanded to be thankful. 3:15, 17
- But thankfulness must come from within a person – from the _____.
- The Bible teaches that a believer can be thankful, and should be thankful in _____.
- *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*
1 Thessalonians 5:18
- *"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
Ephesians 5:20
- When a believer is thankful, it is evidence that:

The peace of God is _____ your heart – vs. 15

- When you allow _____ to take over your heart, it is impossible to be a thankful person.
- Satan desires for us to focus on the _____ actions of others, especially when they are directed toward us!

The Word of Christ is dwelling _____ you – vs. 16

- When the Word of Christ and the truths of His grace are in you, thankfulness isn't something you have to remember or make yourself do. It is spontaneous and _____.

Christ is living _____ you – vs. 17

- Everything we do carries a choice: _____-dependence or _____-dependence.
- God desires that we come to the place where we renounce self-sufficiency, and _____ in Christ's sufficiency.

- An unthankful spirit is really a warning sign of some serious _____ problems.
- Do you possess a thankful spirit?
- Do you see and recognize God's blessings every day?