

Unthankfulness

Romans 1:20-22

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

This is what the Greek word for thankful means: to be grateful, that is, (actually) to express gratitude (towards); specifically to say grace at a meal: - (give) thank (-ful, -s).

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to be grateful, feel thankful
- 2) give thanks

Thanksgiving needs to be more than just a day that we eat copious amounts of food; it needs to become a lifestyle.

How thankful are you for the salvation of your soul? How thankful are you that you have a family that is loving and caring and striving more for the things of God? How thankful are you for the material possessions that you have, no matter how meager they may be?

Daniel 4:34

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

We should know this story. Nebuchadnezzar glorified himself; he was thankful for himself. God drove him out of his kingdom and he became like a beast.

Daniel 4:37

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

We are living in a day and age where people are not thankful for anything because they think they are entitled to everything.

2 Timothy 3:1-2

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

When we lose our thankfulness, we will ultimately lose our holiness. Is it any wonder why crimes are becoming more heinous and bestial?

Psalms 106:1

1 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

If you read Psalm 106 in its entirety, you will see that it is a tragic history of unthankfulness. Verse 13 is where this tragic tale all starts. Let's read it together shall we?

Psalms 106:13

13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

How could someone forget the works of God? Why would someone forget the works of God? Because they weren't thankful for His works, they think they are entitled to both His works and His benefits, and when an individual doesn't get what they feel they are entitled to, they become unthankful for everything that He has done in their lives and become forgetful of the greatest act towards all mankind, the salvation of the soul.

It is the tragic tale of every backslider; they are no longer thankful for the salvation of their soul; it is the tragic tale of every young person who leaves their

house in rebellion; they are no longer thankful; it is the tragic tale of every marriage where there is infidelity; they are no longer thankful for their spouse.

Thanksgiving needs to be more than just a day for overeating (which I will be guilty of as charged); it needs to be more than just an act that is quickly forgotten; it needs to become a lifestyle.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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