

Give Thanks
Touching God – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – November 18, 2018
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John 14:16-17 (ESV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 (ESV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Romans 1:18b-21 (ESV) ... men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

1. Develop godly _____

1A. _____ at all times

Philippians 4:4-5a (ESV) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

1B. Replace _____ with thanksgiving

Philippians 4:5b-6 (ESV) The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1C. Receive God's _____

Philippians 4:7 (ESV) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2. Reject _____ practices

2A. Think about _____ things

Philippians 4:8 (ESV) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

2B. _____ good things

Philippians 4:9 (ESV) What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

3. Learn to be _____

Philippians 4:11b (ESV) ... for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

3A. Rise above your _____

Philippians 4:12 (ESV) I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

3B. Rely on God's _____

Philippians 4:13 (ESV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Give Thanks Study Guide

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Intro. How are believers now better able to communicate with God than Jesus' disciples when He was on earth (John 14:16-17)?

How does God speak to us today (John 14:26)?

Why should everyone honor and give thanks to God (Romans 1:18-21)?

Why doesn't everyone give thanks to God (Romans 1:18-21)?

1A. What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 4:4-5a)? How will this cause your gentleness to be a witness?

1B. How can thanksgiving replace worry in your life (Philippians 4:5b-6)?

1C. Explain how the peace of God can guard our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7).

1D. How can you practically grow in replacing worry with thanksgiving and rejoicing?

2A. What bad thoughts must we replace with good thoughts according to (Philippians 4:8)?

2B. How does thinking good thoughts lead to doing good things (Philippians 4:9)?

2C. What types of peer pressure do we face that is opposed to God's instructions in Philippians 4?

2D. How can you balance the tension between not being influenced by negative people and helping them?

3A. What does it mean to be content in every situation (Philippians 4:11b)?

3B. Why must contentment be learned? How is contentment learned?

3C. What is Paul saying about the effect of circumstances on his life (Philippians 4:12)?

3D. How is Philippians 4:13 the secret of being content?

3E. What does "all things" in Philippians 4:13 mean?

3F. What are some situations that you need to learn to be content in?