

# **Gratitude**

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

B. Gratitude is the acknowledgment of divine favor. (Hebrews 13:15, 2 Corinthians 9:15)

II. Eve had all she needed, but she was not satisfied. (Genesis 3:6-15, 1 Timothy 2:13-14)

III. It is good to have landmarks in our lives. (Psalm 106:13-15)

IV. The children of Israel complained against God, but we are not too. (Numbers 11:36)

A. God gave them what they wanted but also a meanness of spirit.

B. We are not to murmur or complain - anyone who thinks he stands should take heed lest he fall. (1 Corinthians 10:10-11, Philippians 2:14)

C. The Lord has ways of teaching us.

V. When we are dry we can always return to the well that is the Lord to be filled up again.

A. Do not be anxious or over excited. (Philippians 4:6-7, Luke 10:41-42)

B. Give a word of thanks. (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

C. The last days will be marked by ungratefulness. (2 Timothy 3:2)

D. Gratitude will smooth troubled hearts and give you knowledge.

**Application questions**

1. How did the children of Israel fail to show an attitude of gratitude?

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2. How can gratitude help us in our daily life?

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3. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and write it below.

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