

Be Thankful

On Being Christian #6 – Justin Norden – November 29, 2015 – Colossians 3:15-17

Colossians 3:15-17 (ESV) ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

How to be continually thankful in Christ:

1. Let the _____ rule in your hearts.

Matthew 6:25-26 (ESV) Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

John 16:33 (NLT) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 14:27 (ESV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

2. Let the _____ stay on your lips.

Numbers 14:26-27 (ESV) And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²⁷ "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumblings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.

Psalms 106:1 (ESV) Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Colossians 4:2 (ESV) Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

3. Let the _____ receive the credit.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Psalms 105:1 (ESV) Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!