

# Principle of Gratitude

1. Gratitude establishes our proper relationship with God
  - A. Gratitude reminds us that our accomplishments come from God – Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (180)
  - B. Everything we have, comes from God – 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (420)
  - C. We give thanks to God because He is God – Psalm 118:28-29 (598)
2. Gratitude equips us to deal with difficult times
  - A. Thankfulness to God brings help in time of need – Psalm 107:1 (592)
    - 1) Those who wander (vs. 4) are delivered and satisfied (vs. 6-9)
    - 2) Those who are oppressed (vs. 10-11) are freed from bondage (vs. 13-16)
    - 3) Those who are rebellious fools (vs. 17) are rescued (vs. 19-21)
    - 4) Those who encounter great danger (vs. 23-27) are guided to safety (vs. 29-32)
  - B. Thankfulness is essential to dealing with worry – Philippians 4:6-7 (1140)
  - C. Thankfulness is essential to peace – Colossians 3:15 (1144)
  - D. Thankfulness should be part of every aspect of our lives – Colossians 3:17 (1144)
  - E. Thankfulness is God's will for us – 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (1148)
3. Gratitude is the motivation for generosity
  - A. Gratitude leads to Generosity – Psalm 107:21-22 (592)
  - B. Generosity leads to greater blessing for which to be grateful – 1 Corinthians 9:6-11
    - 1) Giving is to be planned
    - 2) Giving is to be voluntary
    - 3) Biblical giving will not leave you needy because God will bless you
    - 4) God's blessing is given so we can give even more
      - a. We are only giving God what He already owns – 1 Chronicles 29:14 (420)