

A THANKFUL LIFE

Many souls heard the Word through Paul and were coming to faith, and his deep desire was that they integrate the truth of God into their lives. His letter to the Colossians has many elements defining this kind of spiritual success. Can you identify them from the passage below? What does a thankful life look like? Look for the thread woven throughout this passage.

Colossians 3.12-13

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Colossians 3.14

Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Colossians 3.15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3.16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3.17

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Here are four great questions to discuss with family and friends when you gather.

In what ways and to what degree am I emotionally *aware* of God's Hand within my life?

In what ways am I experiencing emotional *connection* with God's *kindness*?

How does the *humbling effect* of embracing the favor of God effect my state of mind?

What is the *relational impact* of living a grateful reality?

Gratefulness - good for our hearts!