

“Neither Were Thankful”

I. Introduction:

A. When you receive something beneficial to you, or a gesture that is intended to be kind, the appropriate response is to be thankful (**Romans 16:3-4**).

1. God expects His followers to approach Him with thanksgiving (**Psalms 100:1-5** and **Ephesians 5:20**).
2. He has given us plenty to be thankful about (**Psalms 106:1-2**, **Psalms 136:1-9**, **Acts 14:17**, **I Corinthians 15:57**, **Philippians 1:3**, **Colossians 2:6-7**, etc.).

B. This lesson is not so much about expressing thanks, though such is necessary (**I Thessalonians 5:16-18**), it is more so about being thankful (**Colossians 3:15**).

1. By being thankful, we will be mindful of favors, grateful for something or someone (**Acts 28:11-15**).
2. To truly be thankful you have to have a certain mindset. Paul is an example of that proper mindset (**I Timothy 1:12-17**).

II. Body: When They Knew God, They Glorified Him Not As God, Neither Were Thankful (**Romans 1:18-32**).

A. Things got too good for the Israel of old to the point where they ceased to be grateful and obedient (**Deuteronomy 31:20**; **32:13-19** and **Nehemiah 9:24-27**).

1. Their mindset became wrong (**Isaiah 66:2** and **Matthew 5:3-6**).
2. We are supposed to “have grace” [“to be thankful to one”; Thayer] in our service to God (**Hebrews 12:28**).

B. We live in the “last days” (**Acts 2:14-17** and **Hebrews 1:1-2**).

1. Unthankfulness is a trait of our times (**II Timothy 3:1-5**; cf. **I Cor. 15:33**).
2. Understand that, we are NOT just talking outright about the obvious “people of the world” but those whom have a “form [appearance] of godliness” (**Romans 2:17-24**).
3. We have to realize the times we live in and how that being a grateful person is the opposite of being a carnally minded, self-serving sinner (**Ephesians 5:1-4**).

C. Besides the fact that God wants us to be thankful, it is beneficial to us to be thankful people. Consider a few things...

1. Peace of mind and contentment (**Philippians 4:6-12**).
2. Grateful even in trying times (**Daniel 6:1-10**).
3. Humility (**Psalms 69:30-32**).
4. When you start being thankful [and giving thanks] for everything God has done and will do, things come into perspective (**Psalms 40:5**; **68:19**).

III. Conclusion: Don't be of the many whom are unthankful (**Luke 17:11-19**).