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**An Attitude of Gratitude**

**Text: Philippians 1:3-8**  3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.- **English Standard Version**

In order to have an attitude of gratitude, you must...

**Point #1: Consistently\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (vs. 3-4)**

In order to have an attitude of gratitude, you must...

**Point #2: Confidently ! (vs. 5-6)**

In order to have an attitude of gratitude, you must...

**Point #3: Communicate ! (vs. 7-8)**

**Corollary Verses:** Acts 16:11-40; Phil 4:11-12; Phil 4:2-3; Phil 4:4; Ester 4:14; Luke 10:2; 1 Cor 12:26; Eph 2:10; Phil 4:15-17; 1 John 3:18; Rom 12:10

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Philippians 1:3, Philippians 4:2-3** and **Galatians 2:11-16,** then answer the following questions. Knowing that conflict within the church is nothing new and that things are not always perfect, how important is it for believers to still give thanks to God for the brothers/sisters He has placed in our life?

2.) Read **Luke 10:2, Philippians 1:4-5,** and **Esther 4:14,** then answer the following questions. If we do not participate in the work that God has given, what will happen? Are we neglecting what God has commanded us? How can we fulfill **Matthew 28:19?** Should we be concerned about partnering with the Gospel? How do you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10?

3.) Read **1 John 3:18, Romans 6:6, 12** and **James 1:22** then answer the following questions.Do we need to show appreciation to those who are laboring for the church and its members? How can we show appreciation to those who volunteer a lot of time at the church? Will you implement those ideas?

4.) Read **Philippians 1:6** and **Ephesians 2:10** then answer the following questions. What work do you think God has prepared for you in advance? Are you working these out at the present time? If not, why not?