

How To Pray With Thanksgiving Philippians 1:1-11

In the Midst of Thanksgiving, there's Something else to Consider.

"PROBLEMS" are Still Part of our Lives.

HOW can we Be Prepared for Troubles that come?

HOW can WE Learn to PRAY with Thanksgiving & Joy?

1. PRAY AS A FIRST RESPONSE NOT A LAST RESORT (v.3)

- Prayer was always Paul's FIRST Response.
- Many of us Wait until we're Sinking in the Quicksand of life to pray.
- If you suddenly Learned you only had Seconds to live would you Curse or Pray?
- What do you do Naturally when Troubles come your way?

2. PRAY WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE (vv. 3-6)

- Nothing Inhibits Prayer more than a Complaining Spirit.
- If you Focus on Gratitude... Wonderful Things can happen in your life.
- God's NOT FINISHED with YOU...
- Paul looks at his Philippian friends & says, "I see Great Potential IN YOU!"

3. PRAY FOR GOD'S GLORY NOT OUR OWN (vv.9-11)

- We Live in a very "ME-centered" world...
- God's Priority is "How Will I Reveal MY GLORY?" (Psalm 19:1; Psalm 50:15; John 17:4)
- God wants us to SEE His glory then REFLECT it to the rest of the world. (2 Cor. 3:18)

- The World Doesn't Revolve around US...it Revolves around GOD.
 1. Your SUCCESS Is For God's Glory.
 2. Your BODY Is To Be Used For God's Glory.
 3. Your STRUGGLES Are To Be Used For God's Glory.
- Are Other people Strengthened because of YOUR Struggles?
- YOU have Been Selected to Reveal God's Glory.