

“COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!”

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” Ephesians 1:3

As a nation founded on biblical principles, the United States of America has built into its fabric certain holidays, some of which started with distinct spiritual meanings, specifically Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. With modern trends going away from those foundations, the Christian influences of those holidays get lost in a mixture of secularism, commercialism, and materialism. This Thanksgiving Day, among being thankful for freedoms, family, and pumpkin spice lattes, make it a day of praise and thanksgiving for the spiritual blessings we have only in Jesus Christ!

*“Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.
Count your many blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done.”*

1. **It is the _____ thing to do.**
“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.” Psalm 92:1
2. **It is _____.**
“Be thankful to Him and bless His name.” Psalm 100:4
3. **It is our response to our personal _____.**
“Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 7:25
4. **It changes your perspective towards life to be “God-centered”, instead of being:**
 - a. _____ centered
 - b. _____ centered
 - c. _____ centered
 - d. _____ centered
 - e. _____ centered
5. **It is the basis of your _____ of God.**
“Each morning and evening they stood before the Lord to sing songs of thanks and praise to Him.” 1 Chron. 23:30
6. **It is our joy when individuals are being _____.**
“As God’s grace reaches more and more people there will be great thanksgiving.” 2 Corinthians 4:15
7. **It is the pathway to experience the fullness of God and to have an _____ life.**
“Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done.” Colossians 2:7
8. **It is a major reason for and to make effective your _____.**
“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.” Colossians 4:2
9. **It is the appropriate response to the Lord because He _____ it.**
“Worthy is the Lamb...to receive thanksgiving.” Revelation 5:12
10. **It is the _____ of Jesus.** *“Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God” John 6:11*
“When He had given thanks, He broke the bread” 1 Cor. 11:24
11. **It is what you do when you hear or see others who are _____ Christ faithfully.**
“We always thank God...for your faithful work, your loving deeds and the enduring hope.” 1 Thessalonians 2:13
12. **And yes, it is quite spiritual to thank God for the things he provides us _____.**
“God created foods to be eaten with thanks...receive it with thanks.” 1 Timothy 4:3-4

*“He has given us everything we need for **life** and **godliness**” 2 Peter 1:3*