



Sanctuary

*YOU ARE AWESOME, OH
GOD, IN YOUR
SANCTUARY; THE GOD
OF ISRAEL GIVES
POWER AND STRENGTH
TO HIS PEOPLE. PRAISE
BE TO GOD!*

- PSALMS 68:35

*Welcome to
Sierra Community Church*

Vacation
Bible
School

July
15th-19th

KINGDOM
ROCK

Where Kids Stand Strong for God



Sundays

9am

10:45am

6:30pm

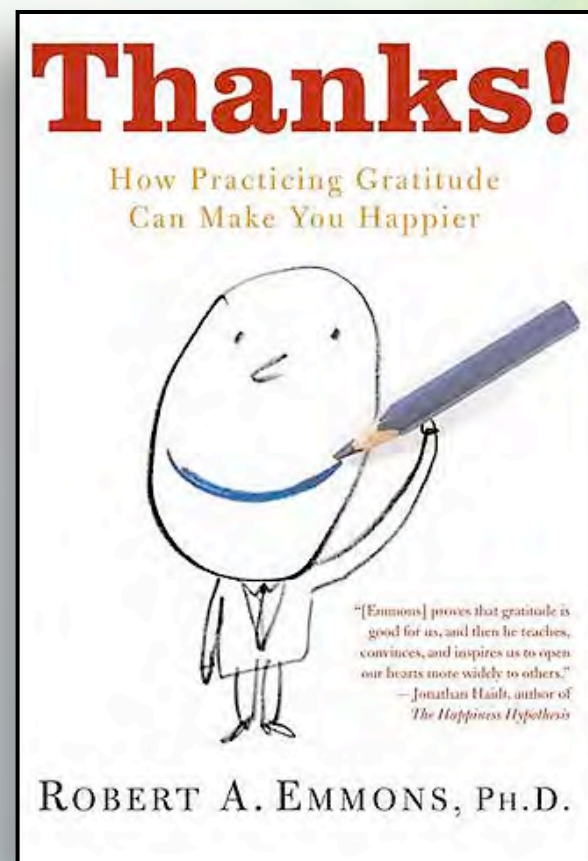
**Forgiveness
Humility
Authenticity
Community
Service
Grace
His Word**

**God's
Ingredients
For Growth**



**Growing through
Giving Thanks**

Gratitude: "Gratefulness,
is an awareness that we
are the *recipients*
of goodness."



¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray
continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, ¹²As he was going ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁵**One of them,** when he saw he was healed, **came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him** - and he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁷Jesus asked, "**Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God** except this foreigner?" - Luke 17:11-17

"God, is the one Being in all the universe for whom seeking his own praise is the ultimately loving act."

<http://www.desiringgod.org/dg/id6.htm>



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Because it's *good* for us! It reminds us of how much we have to be thankful for and who to thank for it!



I can't get no satisfaction

*'Cause I try and I try
and I try and I try...*

*I can't get no,
I can't get no...*

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Gratitude's Great Enemy: Our thirst for MORE!

Most of us live life believing that contentment lays out there *somewhere just beyond where we are* and if we can just get that one more thing, then we'll be happy!

- *This will work, but it'd be better with (fill in blank).*
- *If I just had enough to buy (fill in the blank).*
- *When I get (fill in the blank), then I'll be happy!*



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Gratitude's Great Enemy: Our thirst for MORE!

We spend our whole lives
trying to figure out how to
have what God has
not yet given us.

-Joel Belz

http://www.worldmag.com/2007/09/subprime_behavior



Gratitude's Great Enemy: Our thirst for MORE!

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and *be content with what you have*; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

-Hebrews 13:5



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Giving Thanks

A Serious Warning:

²¹Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. *As a result*, their minds became dark and confused. ²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ²³ And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols. -Romans 1:21-23

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1. Gives us a renewed sense of appreciation for what we do have.
2. Guards against pride and arrogance.
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★ FIREFIGHTERS! ★

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3. Reminds us of God's generosity, and encourages us to be generous with others.



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What can we do?

1. Make a commitment to saying and writing “Thank You”, to your spouse, kids and friends.
2. Design opportunities to thank God everyday.



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