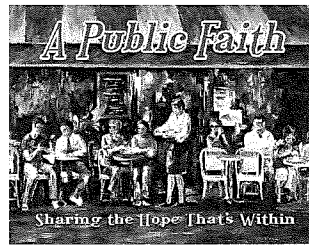


How gratitude transforms our lives.

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Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him.

Consequences when people won't acknowledge God or give Him thanks:

their **thinking** became futile vs. 21

their **hearts** were darkened vs. 21

they exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and **worshiped** and served created things rather than the Creator vs. 25

God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to **sexual impurity** vs. 24

they **invent** ways of doing evil vs. 30

they **disobey** their parents vs. 30

What makes it a challenge to be grateful?

#1 The majority of news reports are **negative**.

#2 Our free-market economy **DEPENDS** on you be dissatisfied.

#3 Our **pride** tells us that we deserve good things.

“Grumbling and gratitude are, for the child of God, in conflict. Be grateful and you won’t grumble. Grumble and you won’t be grateful.” -Billy Graham

“The single, greatest act of worship you can render to God is to thank Him. It’s the epitome of worship because through gratitude, we affirm God as the ultimate source of both trial and blessing—and acknowledge our humble acceptance of *both*.” -John MacArthur

Tools to cultivate Godly gratitude.

#1 Begin and end every day giving thanks to God.

#2 Learn to give thanks in all seasons of life.

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5:18

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope -Romans 5:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. -James 1:2-4

Gratitude and Public Faith.

A gratitude for God’s grace transforms us into people who embody His grace.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -Romans 5:8

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes -Romans 1:16

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