

Give Thanks

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Context

- Paul teaches about Jesus' second coming
- We are accountable for how we live, practical applications
- *"Rejoice always, praying without ceasing, in all circumstances give thanks"*

1. **When** should I give thanks? _____

Reveals what we are fixed upon, circumstances or Christ

2. **What** should I give thanks for? Philippians _____

Not **for** wickedness or suffering, but _____ wickedness and suffering

3. **Why** should I give thanks? Because it's _____

- a. His love endures forever
- b. Giving thanks _____
- c. Giving thanks is _____ of God's existence

4. **How** should I give thanks? By being _____

- *"It could be worse"*—eternal perspective
- *"Why do I feel I deserve this?"*—kill the entitlement
- *"What's the silver lining?"*—find the hidden good
- *"How might this mature me?"*—intentional discipleship
- *"Increase my faith to trust You"*—faith

Suggested worship responses:

- A. I **confess** that I complain more than I give thanks
- B. I will **memorize** and recount this verse when I am tempted to complain
- C. I am in a difficult circumstance. I will **ask** for prayer.
- D. I will **thank** a family member for something specific today
- E. I'd like to learn more about **Jesus** (leave contact info)