



Choose to Be Thankful

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 1

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself in terms of being thankful? If I am honest I would probably rate myself lower on the scale most of the time. When I take the opportunity to reflect on how God has blessed me and my family, I realize my need to be more thankful. I think there is something for us to learn about thanksgiving from the way Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 1.

As Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, he knew of the division but that was not the first thing he addressed. He began his letter with thanksgiving for the people and the work that God was doing in the church. In the midst of difficult circumstances and seasons it can be easy for us to focus all our attention on the problem. There is a time to address the issue, just as Paul did later in 1 Corinthians 1, but not at the cost of being thankful to God.

Being thankful is not dedicated to one month of the year. Paul writes in Ephesians 5 to always give thanks to God. Choosing to focus on giving thanks changes our perspective from fixing our eyes on the temporary, fleeting things of this world to setting our eyes on Christ and being grateful for what He has done. How can you be thankful today? Even in the midst of difficulty, how will you respond today by being thankful?

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 2

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