

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Lucille's article deadline is quickly approaching! What can she possibly write for next edition of the Terrene Gazette?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Gratitude.

1. [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#) tells us that we should “give thanks in all circumstances.” Does this mean that we should be thankful when things go wrong? Why (or why not)?
2. The believers who lived in Jerusalem were in trouble. They had no money and no way to earn any. The Apostle Paul asked Christians in the city of Corinth to give their money to those in Jerusalem. They readily agreed to give. Paul was very happy about this—not only would the poor people receive the money they needed, but the Corinthians would be an example to other Christians on how they should give ([2 Corinthians 9:12-15](#)). Paul said that he was very joyful because he knew that those in Jerusalem would thank God for the gift and for the generosity of the Corinthians. Think about what it means to be thankful as you listen to today's episode.

Memory Verse

¹⁸ Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

After You Listen

In this episode, Lucille needed an idea for an article she was writing. After she met Tommy, a boy who had a terrible accident, and then heard about Morrie's obstacles on the way to the science fair, she decided to write about being thankful.

The Psalmist also wrote about being thankful. [Psalm 100](#), which is only five verses long, was written as a song of gratitude to God for all he has done. The psalmist was thankful that God made us and takes care of us. He praised the Lord for his goodness and for his love that will last forever. He thanked God for his faithfulness in keeping his plans and promises from one generation to another. This means that we can see God's goodness to people in the past and know that he doesn't change. He is as good and loving and faithful to us as he was to them. For that, and so much more, we should thank him.

Want to dig deeper into what it means to be thankful? Check out [2 Corinthians 4:15](#); [Ephesians 5:19-20](#); [Philippians 4:6](#).

Challenge

We all have a lot to be thankful for, but we often forget to BE thankful! Stop and think about all that God has given you. When was the last time you thanked him for:

- Dying on the cross for you and providing you with salvation?
- Giving you a family and a home?
- Preparing a wonderful future in heaven with him?

What else should you be thankful to God for? Make a paper chain with your family. On each piece of paper, write something you are thankful for. How long will your chain be?

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What does Mr. Hyde give to Lucille?

Answer: A thank-you note from one of her readers.

Question 2: What happens to Morrie and his mom on the way to the science fair?

Answer: Their car breaks down.

Question 3: Who does Grandpa introduce to Lucille?

Answer: Tommy, his great-nephew.

Question 4: What is Tommy's attitude about being in a wheelchair?

Answer: He always tries to think about the good things in his life and to be thankful.

Question 5: What does Lucille decide to write about in her article?

Answer: Gratitude.
