



An attitude of gratitude
&
A bank full of thankful

A Thanksgiving Series



Tis better to give than to receive



“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Acts 20:35 NIV



Main Point

When we receive with
thanksgiving we take on an
attitude of gratitude



1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. **2** Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron

1 Timothy 4:1-2 NIV



3 They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. **4** For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **5** because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:3-5 NIV



What is Paul saying?

- ❑ Shouldn't abstain from what comes from God
- ❑ What comes from God is good
- ❑ Should be received with thanksgiving



To receive with thanksgiving

- ❑ Where does it come from?
- ❑ What is it and what is it meant for?
- ❑ Receive well



Where are we receiving from?

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”

James 1:17 NIV





What is it for?

9 And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” **And God saw that it was good.**”

Genesis 1:9-10 NIV



What is it for?

.11 Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so.12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. **And God saw that it was good.**

Genesis 1:11-12 NIV



What is it for?

13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.**14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. **16** God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars

Genesis 1:13-16 NIV



What is it for?

17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, **18** to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. **And God saw that it was good. 19** And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

Genesis 1:17-19 NIV



What did God give?

- ❑ Land and sea
- ❑ Food and vegetation
- ❑ Night and day
- ❑ All are GOOD and meant for our GOOD



The intent of what we receive

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28 NIV



What is it for?

- ❑ God's intent was for it to be for us and for good
- ❑ God wants obedience and faithfulness
- ❑ God gives because He loves us





Appreciate what we receive

- ❑ Say thank you
- ❑ Be sincere
- ❑ Put what you receive to use



Appreciate what we receive

“To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, For You have made known to us the king’s matter.”

Daniel 2:23 NIV



Appreciate what we receive

- ❑ Daniel verbalizes his thankfulness
- ❑ Daniel references what he was given
- ❑ Daniel sounds incredibly sincere



Appreciate what we receive

“**46** Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. **47** The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.”

Daniel 2:46-47 NIV



Appreciate what we receive

48 Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. **49** Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

Daniel 2:48-49 NIV



Application

- ❑ Take an honest account of one thing you receive this week
- ❑ Did it help your attitude of gratitude?
- ❑ Focus on heading into this season with an attitude of gratitude and a bank full of thankful