

A Proper Thanksgiving James 1:17

I. Focus on giving thanks

A. Us

1. Typically directed at a _____ gift or gesture
2. Most often of a _____ nature

B. God

1. Most biblical accounts are examples of God's immaterial nature or His _____ in our lives or the world
2. Most often of a more _____ nature

II. Biblical examples of proper thanks-giving

- A. God is good in His _____ - Ps. 106:1
- B. God is gracious in _____ people - II Cor. 4:15
- C. God is active in _____ us spiritually - Col. 2:7
- D. God has a love & mercy that will last _____ - Ps. 136:1-26
- E. God both rules and _____ - II Tim. 2:12; Rev. 11:17

III. Biblical ways to give thanks

- A. _____ ourselves to God through prayer - Ps. 100:4,5; Col. 4:2
- B. _____ thank Him in public - Ps. 35:18
- C. Completely _____ yourself to Him - Rom. 6:13; 12:1,2
- D. Giving an _____ - Lev. 22:29; Ps. 50:14