

Message Notes



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A Month of Thankfulness Part 1: Thankful to the Core

Wrong Thinking that Crushes Thankfulness

1. Our _____ – self-absorbed
2. Our _____ – critical spirits
3. Our _____ – blinded eyes

“Jesus, let us recover our sight.”

Mark 10:46-52

Paul's Secrets to Following His Own Advice

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

1. Paul focused on the _____ he did have in Christ rather than what he didn't have.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

2. Paul _____ to his own selfishness. He knew his former pleasures were actually self-destructive choices.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

He learned the secret of contentment!

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6

3. Paul _____ every circumstance to _____ Him more about Christ and His will.

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:7-8

4. Paul saw every problem as an _____ to _____ God's kingdom and His righteousness.

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, Philippians 3:10

5. Paul was more of a _____ than a _____ man in his thinking. He saw difficulties through the lens of opportunity that redirected him back to Christ.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
1 Corinthians 2:2

6. Paul thanked God for everything because he was _____ that God could keep everything He had entrusted to him.

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24