

# **MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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## **AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

**[part 1 of 4]**

\* The Bible plainly teaches that God's children are to have a thankful heart, which is an attitude of gratitude. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2). The New Testament commands, "Be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15). The word thankful means "to be full of thanks." We should make it a habit of our lives to daily lift our voices in giving thanks to God for His bountiful blessings, as well as express our appreciation to others.

Colossians 2:6–7 declares that when we are truly rooted and built up in Christ and established in the faith, we will be "abounding...with thanksgiving." If our lives in Christ are solid and our faith effective, we shall indeed "overflow" with thanksgiving.

The Scriptures warn of the consequence of losing the attitude of gratitude. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). Ingratitude extinguishes the light of God in the heart. It is the mark of a foolish and hardened heart.

A prominent sign of the last days is the spirit of ingratitude.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" (2 Timothy 3:1–2).

Those who are unthankful are fulfilling Bible prophecy.