

# "A Proper Perspective On Thanksgiving"

## Text: Ephesians 5:19,20; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sunday, November 15, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

**Introduction:** Thanksgiving Day in America is one day in which Christians like the early Pilgrims set aside time in our busy schedules to give thanks to God. Now, there is nothing wrong with that but the Word of God tells us that this should be a continual, daily, attitude.

In the text verses the Apostle Paul's main subject is "praise and thanksgiving." Yet, note the other words that give emphasis to his subject.

There are three attitudes that steal away gratitude:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ or Pride (Proverbs 11:2; 13:10).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ spirit (Ephesians 4:20).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 78:25).

There are three the Bible tells us about "thanksgiving":

**I. OUR THANKSGIVING SHOULD BE \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Psalm 100:4; Romans 1:21)

**II. OUR THANKSGIVING SHOULD BE \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Ephesians 5:20; I Thessalonians 5:18; Romans 8:18)

**III. OUR THANKSGIVING IS \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(I Thessalonians 5:16-18; II Corinthians 4:8-9)

**Conclusion:** Henry Frost served for many years as a missionary to China. In his journal he wrote of a very difficult time in his life. He says, "I had received sad news from home, and deep shadows had covered my soul. I prayed BUT the darkness did not vanish. I summoned myself to endure, BUT the darkness only deepened. Then I went to an inland station and saw on the wall of the mission home these words: 'TRY THANKSGIVING.' I did, and in a moment every shadow was gone, not to return.

The Psalmist was right in Psalm 92:1 (A Psalm or Song for the Sabbath day.) "*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.*"

# **“As A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ”**

## **Text: II Timothy 2:1-7**

Sunday, November 15, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

**Introduction:** This past week we celebrated Veterans Day. It was a time to show our gratitude for those who have served out county. With that thought in mind, let’s reflect on what it takes to be a good soldier or veteran.

You see before you on the platform two flags. The American Flag and the Christian Flag. One represents our country, and the other represents our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. To serve either of these flags (and the kingdoms they represent) faithfully and effectively, one must meet certain requirements. Before one can become a veteran, they must first be a good soldier.

### **What is required to be a good soldier and veteran?**

**I. A Willing \_\_\_\_\_ (Vss. 3-4; II Peter 3:9; Isaiah 6:8).**

**II. A Complete \_\_\_\_\_ (Vss.1-2; Matthew 6:31-33; Ephesians 3:11-14; Philippians 4:19).**

**III. A Complete \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs. 2; Luke 5:11, 27-28).**

**IV. A Complete \_\_\_\_\_ (Vss. 4-5; John 14:21).**

**V. A Complete \_\_\_\_\_ (John 6:68; Genesis 18:19; Joshua 24:14-15).**

**Conclusion:** To become true veterans in the Lord’s army, we must first be good soldiers of the cross. May the Lord see us all as true Spiritual Veterans.