

## LifeGroup Questions

Based On: Colossians 2:6-7

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### Overview

I have entered the years of raising teenagers. For some teenagers thankfulness seems to be a foreign concept. On a daily basis I am bombarded with requests for more, without them being thankful for what they have. I wonder how a teen can be so naïve to their blessings while being so self-centered as to make more requests. Then I had a revelation. I wonder if God thinks the same thing about me.

Do I act like an ungrateful kid? I seem to find myself constantly asking God for more without taking the time to be thankful for what I have. I have been completely bewildered with my teens on how they can be ungrateful on one hand while making a request with the other. This seems to be the very same attitude with which I approach God.

The week of Thanksgiving is upon us. It is the one time a year when thankfulness is at the forethought of everyone's mind. How can this once a year thankfulness become a yearlong attitude of gratitude? Below you will find a lot of passages dealing with thankfulness. The Bible is loaded with passages dealing with thankfulness. Why does God want us to be thankful? In what ways is thankfulness a litmus test for your faith?

### Bible Study: Colossians 2:6-7

1. Read through the list. Write out 7 things you are thankful for. Each day this next week take time to be thankful. Write out 7 passages and place them where you will see them each day (bathroom mirror).

**I Chronicles 16:34**<sup>34</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Thessalonians 5:16-18**<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 3:16-17** singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Philippians 4:6-7** singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Psalms 28:7**<sup>7</sup> The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

**Psalms 100:4-5** <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Hebrews 12:28-29** <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

**1 Timothy 4:4-5** <sup>4</sup> For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup> because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

**2 Corinthians 4:15-18** <sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**2 Corinthians 9:11-12** <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

**Psalms 106:1** <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever

**1 Corinthians 15:56-57** <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 4:12-13** <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.