

November 24, 2019
Philippians 4:4-8

GIVING THANKS IN TOUGH TIMES

I. Introduction:

“In everything give thanks for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus our Lord.” I Thessalonians 5:18

How can we be thankful amidst the tough times of life?

II. Unpacking The Passage: Philippians 4:4-8

The Context:

III. Four Lessons In Giving Thanks In Tough Times:

Lesson One: _____ About Nothing!

“Do not be anxious about anything...” vs. 6a

“Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.” Matthew 6:34

Lesson Two: _____ About Everything.

“⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Vs. 6

“When you pray, tell God every detail of your needs.”
(Philips Translation)

Lesson Three: _____ In All Things

“... in everything (pray) ... with thanksgiving...” vs. 6b

What am I thankful for?

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Lesson Four: _____ The Right Things

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true ... noble... right... pure... lovely... admirable.... If anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things.” v. 8

“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.” Pr. 23:7 (KJV)

The Result:

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Vs. 7

IV. Conclusion and Application:

This Thanksgiving, what can you be thankful for?!!