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## A Life of Prayer: Thanking

Philippians 4:6-7

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There are two ways to live life:

1. A life dominated by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A life directed toward \_\_\_\_\_.

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8 Essentials Elements for Developing/  
Maintaining a Life of Prayer

1. Connecting
2. Trusting
3. Honoring
4. Asking
5. Confessing
6. Fighting
7. Interceding
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## Matthew 6:25

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## Philippians 4:4-7

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“Thankfulness isn’t a matter of forcing yourself to see the happy side of life. That would be like returning to naïve optimism. Thanking God restores the natural order of our dependence upon God. It enables us to see life as it really is. Not surprisingly, thanklessness is the first sin to emerge from our ancient rebellion against God. Paul writes, ‘For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him.’”

—Paul E. Miller, *A Praying Life*

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## Colossians 4:2

### 1. Thankfulness is a Decided \_\_\_\_\_ to Grace

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## Luke 17:15-19

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## 2. Thankfulness is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ

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### Matthew 14:19

### Matthew 26:26-27

“Certainly a marked feature of Christ’s character was His perennial gratefulness of spirit. Run through His prayers and you will be surprised how large a place thanksgiving holds in them, how often He gave eager praise for what would have soured you and me. And made us feel quite certain that God had forgotten to be gracious. Did He not take the cup, that awful symbol of things so near and so fearsome, and even then give thanks?”  
—A. J. Gossip

## 3. Thankfulness Draws Us \_\_\_\_\_ Into Fellowship With God

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“You cannot go on ‘explaining away’ forever: you will find that you have explained explanation itself away. You cannot go on ‘seeing through’ things forever. The whole point of seeing through something is to see it... If you see through everything, then everything is transparent. But a wholly transparent world is an invisible world. To ‘see through’ all things is the same as not to see.” —C.S. Lewis

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## 4. Thankfulness Deepens Our \_\_\_\_\_ of Life

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What you \_\_\_\_\_, appreciates!

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## **Proverbs 14:30**

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## **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18**

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Thankfulness is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a feeling!

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