

# IN ALL THINGS, WE GIVE THANKS...

This year we, as always, *“Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever.”* As we enter into the Thanksgiving season, I know that we have all experienced many difficult and trying times. However, here we are. The Lord has seen us through and He will

continue to do so. The scriptures tell us very clearly in Proverbs 3:5-6, that we are to, *“Trust in the Lord with all our heart and to lean not to our own understanding. In all our ways we are to acknowledge Him and He shall always direct our path.”*

We are to *“trust in the Lord.”* What this means is exactly what it says. The question we must ask ourselves is, *“Do we truly trust in the Lord?”* That word *“trust”* is a very powerful word. In the scriptures the term *“trust”* means to have total confidence, to be bold and to be totally secure in something or someone. What this is telling us is that, as His child, we must place our total confidence in our God. We must stand boldly in the midst of the difficult situations that surround us as His people. Most importantly, we must have total confidence in the God that we serve and believe in.

This is so very true. We are to place our total confidence in our God and only Him. Today, unfortunately, we are being told to have confidence in ourselves. We are slowly but surely being taught to depend on ourselves. It is not an all out frontal attack against those who trust in God but it is a sneak attack that is creeping up on us from the rear.

There are many who are teaching these *“sneak attack”* tactics within the Body of Christ. They are preaching and telling us things on how to live our lives in our own power and authority. They are neglecting and actually leaving out God and His Word.

The Word also tells us to *“acknowledge Him.”* This means to truly *“know who our God truly is.”* That is the key to everything in which we are as a believer in our God. Do you truly *“know”* God or do you have a simple basic idea of who our God truly is. To *“know”* our God means that we are totally, 100% sold out to Him. It means that we 100%, truly trust Him and only Him for our natural lives, our salvation and, most importantly, for our eternal destiny.

To know God means that we are in an intimate, personal relationship with Him. It means that we not only know Him but that He also intimately knows everything there is to know about you and I - everything. Yes, God knows it all – our faults, our failures, our difficulties but He also knows all the good things we have accomplished. However, all those things, even though they are important, are not truly important to Him.

It is the attitude of our heart that God truly desires, seeks after and truly knows. Yes, we will make mistakes and yes, we will succeed in things. However, the most important thing that God knows above all else is our heart. Is your heart, my heart, our heart totally surrendered to Him and His ways? I pray that it is.

I would like to encourage every true believer to *“give thanks with a grateful heart,”* not just during this Thanksgiving season, but every day in the coming year(s). During this Thanksgiving and every day that we are alive on this earth, let us truly be *“thankful”* unto Him. Thank Him for our salvation. Thank Him for allowing us to be in a true relationship with Him, the one and only true Living God. Thank Him that you can now love Him because He first loved you. Truly, bless and thank the Lord with all your heart. If you are experiencing some rough times, offer up to the Lord your *“sacrifice of thanksgiving”* but give Him thanks.

Never forget, *“In all things give thanks for this IS the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*  
(1Thessalonians 5:18)