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Gratitude Changes How We Treat Others.

Gratitude begins with recognizing what God has done for us.

Gratitude produces Christlike character.

Gratitude changes the way we handle conflict.

Gratitude Shapes How We Worship God.

Gratitude grows when God's Word fills our hearts.

Gratitude transforms our worship.

Gratitude gives us a reason to worship even when life is difficult.

Gratitude Influences Everything We Do.

Gratitude should shape our everyday decisions.

Gratitude should shape our generosity and giving.

Giving and tithing are expressions of trust and gratitude.

Gratitude reminds us that everything belongs to God.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What is the difference between being thankful for something and allowing gratitude to shape the way you live?

2. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Paul connects our identity in Christ with qualities like compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Which of these qualities do you find most challenging to demonstrate consistently?

3. How does recognizing the forgiveness and grace we've received from God influence the way we treat people who have wronged or disappointed us?

4. Why do you think Paul connects gratitude with the peace of Christ and the unity of the church in verse 15? What happens when thankfulness is missing from our relationships?

5. What does it mean for the Word of Christ to dwell richly in us? How does spending time in God's Word cultivate a more grateful heart?

6. How can we approach corporate worship with an attitude of gratitude rather than simply evaluating whether we enjoyed the experience?

7. Why can discussing money and giving sometimes be uncomfortable for Christians? How does understanding giving as a response to grace change that perspective?

8. What is the relationship between gratitude, generosity, and our understanding of stewardship? How should recognizing God as the source of our blessings influence our giving?

9. What is one practical change you could make this week to demonstrate gratitude through your relationships, worship, service, or generosity?