



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Thanksgiving Sunday
Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor
Scripture: Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. *(NIV)*

Sermon Outline:

To be shaped by gratitude is to be shaped deeply by God.

Gratitude is the knowing awareness that we are recipients of goodness which is to result in us turning back to the source of that goodness, who is God.

Gratitude is a necessary part in our life with God. We cannot understand the spiritual life without having a life marked with gratitude. It is very easy for us to give thanks throughout the day but not have our lives shaped by gratitude.

Paul's words to us in this scripture to help anchor us in a life of gratitude:

Prayerful
Watchful
Thankful

Three things that get in the way of living a life of gratitude:

Entitlement
Distraction
Comparing

God has been good to you in Jesus Christ and has given up everything for you in Jesus Christ. We are invited to have our lives shaped by gratitude.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor share a message around gratitude, and we also hear from a couple of New Lifers as they share their stories of hope and gratitude during this Thanksgiving service.

Sermon Questions:

1. Do you feel an invitation from Christ in today's scripture passage? Do any of the words resonate with you? If so, why?
2. Where do feel the Holy Spirit is inviting you to take a deeper look at how you might be holding yourself back from living a life of gratitude? Are you living your life with a sense of entitlement, believing that you deserve certain things because you have earned them? Are you missing out on the beautiful, ordinary gifts of God because you are distracted and don't see them? Or maybe you are busy comparing yourself to others feeling like you don't measure up? Can you offer this up to God asking for forgiveness and guidance on how to move toward a life of gratitude?
3. Can you set aside time this week to name the goodness of God and the kindness that He has shown you? Where has He provided for you this week? Give praise and thanks to God for all the ways that He shows up in your life.