

'Carrying on in thanksgiving...'

-- In God's Word we find His counsel on how to live thankful lives in various scriptures...

For example, see Psalm 100:1-5 (ESV) A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! (2) Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (3) Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (5) For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

-- Bible scholars suspect that this psalm was written by David, but there is no certain evidence of his authorship... And does it really matter?

Q1. Thankfulness is a good 'medicine', so let's make a list of what the psalmist makes note of that help us gain a thankful heart... *(It helps to underline them first. – You'll find many;)*

-- Next, we will discuss your lists...

Also see **Colossians 3:16-17 (NIV)**, we move to a discussion about a thankful heart...

(Vs.16) Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Q2. There is a lot contained in this one verse... What do the underlined words bring to mind?

What is the 'message of Christ'? _____

As you... teach *one another* ? _____

As you admonish *one another* ? _____

With all wisdom? _____

Through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit? _____

(Who are we singing to? – Does He care if you are a good singer?)

With gratitude in your hearts? _____

(Vs.17) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Q3. This speaks of thanksgiving from the perspective of doing, what are your thoughts on this?

-- We will close with further discussion and move to a time for prayer...