

## “Grateful and Gracious or Critical and Complaining?”

“<sup>4</sup> He [David] appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to make petition, to give thanks, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>7</sup> That day David first committed to Asaph and his associates this psalm of thanks to the LORD: <sup>8</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. <sup>9</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. <sup>10</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>23</sup> Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. <sup>25</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.” I Chr. 16:4, 7-10, 23-25

“<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” Psalm 95:1-2

“<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” Psalm 100

“I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.” Psalm 145:1-3

“<sup>18</sup> Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” Proverbs 12:18

Jesus said, “For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” Matthew 12:34

“<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Cor. 15:57

“<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.” II Cor. 2:14

“<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. <sup>1</sup> Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Eph. 4:29-5:2

“<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe <sup>16</sup> as you hold out the word of life.” Phil. 2:14-16

“<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Col. 2:6-7

“<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> 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.” Col. 3:15-17

“<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Col. 4:2

“<sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Col. 4:6

“<sup>16</sup> Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup> pray continually; <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” I Thes. 5:16-18

“<sup>9</sup> Don’t grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!” James 5:9