

THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE GIVES LATITUDE

We are required to give thanks in all things not for all things.

Giving thanks will help you get God's perspective for your life.

Being thankful on the inside brings contentment.

Godliness with contentment is great gain.

When you're thankful, it is a benefit to you.

We should not just be thankful, we should give thanks.

Give is a verb, which indicates action.

When we give thanks it is not just a benefit to us, it is a benefit to others.

What are you thankful for? Give thanks for it!

Latitude pertains to the breadth, width, extent or size of something.

We generally expect others to operate within a certain range of expectations.

When someone does not operate within those expectations, we need to remember how much God has forgiven us, be grateful for that and give that person some latitude (forgiveness).

We often focus on what other people owe us instead of what debt has been cancelled for us.

Not just money, but also a favor, a thank you, an apology, respect, support, etc.

God gives me grace, so I will give you some latitude in this situation.

Never forget God's benefits toward us.

Main points:

1. Don't forget (keep in mind) the debt that has been cancelled for you.
2. Don't forget (keep in mind) that you have the power to cancel the debt of others.
3. The attitude of gratitude produces latitude (grace) for others.
4. The attitude of gratitude produces latitude (grace) for us.
5. The attitude of gratitude enlarges your harvest of righteousness and generosity.

SCRIPTURE LIST

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Colossians 2:14

Romans 8:28

Matthew 7:1-3

Matthew 18:23-35

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Psalms 103:1-4