

**Thankful Person:**

Wraps every prayer in thanksgiving—past, present, and future.

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 4:2 (NKJV)** Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

**Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise...

## 9. Impact on Others: Draining vs. Life-Giving

**Unthankful Person:**

People around them feel taken for granted and unappreciated; relationships feel drained.

**Thankful Person:**

People feel seen, valued, and encouraged; relationships are strengthened and refreshed.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV)** Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

**Philippians 1:3 (NKJV)** I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

**Proverbs 31:28 (NKJV)** Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her.

## 10. Response to Correction: Defensive vs. Teachable

**Unthankful Person:**

Resists correction, takes offense easily, and stays spiritually dull.

**Thankful Person:**

Receives correction as God's love in action and stays tender, teachable, and growing.

**Proverbs 3:11-12 (NKJV)** My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights. My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

**Psalm 141:5 (NKJV)** Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil...

**Psalm 139:23–24 (NKJV)** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

## Two Roads: The Thankful Heart vs. the Unthankful Heart

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**Psalm 106:25 (NKJV)** But complained in their tents, And did not heed the voice of the Lord.

**Psalm 107:1-2 (NKJV)** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

**Psalm 107:8 (NKJV)** Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

**2 Timothy 3:1-2 (NKJV)** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

### 1. Focus: Lack vs. Blessing

**Unthankful Person:** Always sees what's missing, wrong, or not yet done. God can be working, but they're fixated on lack.

**Thankful Person:** Sees and remembers God's blessings; they choose to notice "what I *do* have" and "what God *has* done."

**Romans 1:21 (NKJV)** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**Psalm 103:2 (NKJV)** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits;

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

### 2. Speech: Complaining vs. Praise

**Unthankful Person:**

Complains easily and often. Their words create a heavy, negative atmosphere.

**Thankful Person:**

Speaks praise, encouragement, and hope. Their words build faith and lift others.

**1 Corinthians 10:10 (NKJV)** nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

**Psalm 34:1 (NKJV)** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

### 3. Attitude: Entitled vs. Graced

#### Unthankful Person:

Feels life and people “owe” them; good things feel like the bare minimum.

#### Thankful Person:

Feels graced, not entitled. Sees every blessing as undeserved kindness.

**Luke 15:28-29 (NKJV)** “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.’

**1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain...

**James 1:17 (NKJV)** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights...

### 4. Relationships: Envy & Comparison vs. Celebration

#### Unthankful Person:

Compares constantly, envies others’ blessings, and resents their success.

#### Thankful Person:

Celebrates others, rejoices in their victories, and thanks God for their own calling and lane.

**James 3:14-16 (NKJV)** But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.  
For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

**Romans 12:15 (NKJV)** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

**Galatians 6:4 (NKJV)** But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

### 5. Identity: Victim vs. Victor

#### Unthankful Person:

Lives with a victim mentality—“nothing ever works for me.”

#### Thankful Person:

Thinks and talks like more than a conqueror—“Look what the Lord has done.”

**Romans 8:37 (NKJV)** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**1 John 5:4 (NKJV)** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

**Psalm 34:4 (NKJV)** I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

### 6. Vision: Blind to Daily Mercies vs. Seeing God in the Details

#### Unthankful Person:

Overlooks everyday mercies and says, “I don’t have anything to be thankful for.”

#### Thankful Person:

Notices God’s hand in “small” things—breath, food, friendships, church family, daily protection.

**Romans 1:21 (NKJV)** ...nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)** Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

**Psalm 68:19 (NKJV)**

Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah

### 7. Inner Life: Restless Dissatisfaction vs. Joyful Contentment

#### Unthankful Person:

Rarely content; always restless and dissatisfied, waiting for “the next thing” to finally be happy.

#### Thankful Person:

Walks in joy, peace, and contentment—because Christ is enough, and His presence is their portion.

**Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**Philippians 4:11-13 (NKJV)** Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**Colossians 3:15 (NKJV)** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts... and be thankful.

### 8. Prayer: Demanding & Negative vs. Thankful & Faith-Filled

#### Unthankful Person:

Prayer life is mostly complaints and demands, light on remembering what God has already done.