

## Sharpening the Skill of Giving Thanks #3

### “Thankful in Persecution”

#### selected Scriptures

Persecution is a p\_\_\_\_\_ reality for Christians in our world today.

2 Timothy 3:12 - “E\_\_\_\_\_ who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

Matthew 5:10-12; Luke 6:22-23 - Jesus commands His followers to r\_\_\_\_\_ and leap for j\_\_\_\_\_ when persecuted.

James 1:2 - Consider it pure j\_\_\_\_, when you face trials.

#### Thanking God in Persecution is Revealing

Matthew 5:10 - We can be thankful in persecution because it reveals that we are g\_\_\_\_\_ Christians.

Luke 6:26 - “Woe to you when all men s\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ of you.”

Acts 5:40-41 - The apostles were f\_\_\_\_\_ for their faith. They reacted by r\_\_\_\_\_ that they were worthy of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:24-25; 12:9-10 - Paul knew persecution but was t\_\_\_\_\_ so that Christ’s power would rest on him.

#### Thanking God in Persecution is Rewarding

Matthew 5:12 - Jesus promised r\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven for those who are persecuted for His sake.

Revelation 2:8-11; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:6-8 - The c\_\_\_\_\_ of life is promised to the faithful.

Matthew 10:28 - The enemy can only kill the b\_\_\_\_\_; God can kill the b\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ in hell. Whom should we fear?

#### Thanking God in Persecution is Releasing

Acts 16:22-26 - Paul and Silas r\_\_\_\_\_ when beaten and imprisoned, and were r\_\_\_\_\_ because of it.

## Word Search - Psalm 95:1-7

L M B E L O N G L O T X E N E  
 U N D E R M F L H B B E A C P  
 E P Y Y R A D D E S R K I N G  
 U R H M W K S F A U P O L P N  
 O D A A T E O G T E V E S I I  
 V E P C N R D S A O E S A H A  
 M P W M E D A K Y N W O L S T  
 P T Y T F P S P K H S N V R N  
 T H A N K S G I V I N G A O U  
 F S G E A L O U D F U I T W O  
 E O V R K M R H E A R V I I M  
 W M R K E C M U S I C G O D S  
 B C O M C A O E V O B A N F D  
 U M U C E O T L S H O U T L R  
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ABOVE  
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 GREAT  
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 KING  
 KNEEL  
 MAKER  
 MOUNTAIN  
 MUSIC  
 PASTURE

PEAKS  
 ROCK  
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 SHOUT  
 SONG  
 THANKSGIVING  
 TODAY  
 UNDER  
 VOICE  
 WORSHIP

When people are mean to us  
we can be thankful



*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

*(Acts 16:25)*

## Thankful in Persecution



*“Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.”*

*(Luke 6:22-23)*