



WEEK 11 • GROWING IN GRATITUDE

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But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22,23a

HOW CAN I STAY FRUITFUL?

But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with **roots that reach deep into the water**. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and **they never stop producing fruit**. Jeremiah 17:7-8 NLT

Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But **since they have no root**, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Mark 4:16-17 NIV

Key idea: No _____, no _____

I pray that you, being **rooted and established in love**, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19 NIV

How do I stay rooted in a daily awareness of _____?

Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and **overflow with thanksgiving**. Colossians 2:7 GW

Key habit that sends your roots deep into God's love: _____

GRATITUDE GIVES ME:

- _____: to see beyond circumstances

Give thanks in all circumstances; for **this is God's will for you** in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

Though the fig tree does **not** bud and there are **no** grapes on the vines, though the olive crop **fails** and the fields produce **no** food, though there are **no** sheep in the pen and **no** cattle in the stalls, **yet I will** rejoice **in the Lord**, I will be joyful **in God my Savior**. Habakkuk 3:17-18 NIV

- _____: to guard against cynicism

Obscene stories, foolish talk, coarse jokes—these are not for you. **Instead, let there be thankfulness** to God. Ephesians 5:4 NLT

- _____: to stay in the moment

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad **today!** Psalm 118:24 NCV

WANT TO BEAR FRUIT?

Grow roots by developing the _____ of gratitude!

Celebrate the Harvest Festival to honor the Lord your God...

Deuteronomy 16:10

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God... Colossians 3:17 NIV

PSALM 136:1-9, 23

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who alone does miracles.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who crafted the heavens.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the earth...

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—

His love endures forever.

who made the sun to rule the day,

His love endures forever.

and the moon and stars to rule the night.

His love endures forever.

He remembered us in our weakness.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven!

His love endures forever.

THANKSGIVING SOUL PREP

Each day this week, meditate on one or more of the verses and prompts on this page. Then on Thanksgiving, share some of the things you're grateful for with others!

THANKFUL FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE

Thank God for specific things He has given you: Blessings, relationships, abilities, jobs, provision, joys, freedoms...

I will thank you God forever for what you have done.

Psalm 52:9a NCV

Thank God for your own existence!

Let all things praise the name of the Lord, because we were created...

Psalm 148:5 CEV

Thank God that He saved you by His grace, not your works!

I will praise you and rejoice because you have saved me!

Psalm 9:14b NCV

Thank God for specific answers to prayer in your life. Have you seen God provide in tough times? Do miracles? Provide jobs or other help?

I thank the Lord for answering my prayers... Psalm 118:21

THANKFUL FOR WHO GOD IS

I will thank the Lord because He is good. Psalm 54:6 NLT

I will thank the Lord because He is just. Psalm 7:17a NLT

Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because he is kind and always merciful. Psalm 118:1 CEV

Think of other attributes of God to be thankful for!

NEXT WEEKEND:

NEW ADVENT SERIES BEGINS

