

Psalm 23 (NIV)

2ND LEVEL OF GRATITUDE

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Philippians 1:15-18 (NIV)

3RD LEVEL OF GRATITUDE

¹⁵It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

GRATITUDE TAKES PRACTICE

Philippians 4:9 (NIV)

GRATITUDE DOES NOT COME NATURALLY

⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV)

WE HAVE TO PRACTICE BEING GRATEFUL

¹⁵Practice these things, immerse yourself in them,^[a] so that all may see your progress.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU?

¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

CAN PEOPLE SEE YOUR LEVEL OF GRATITUDE?

¹⁷ 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.

James 1:2-3 (NIV)

HOW DO YOU HANDLE OPPOSITION?

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Job 13:15 (KJV)

DO YOU STILL TRUST HIM NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS?

¹⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

ARE YOU IN THE WILL OF GOD?

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

IN CLOSING

Psalm 107:2 (ESV)

IT'S TIME TO SAY WHAT YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR!

² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
