

'I am God Most High! The only sacrifice I want is for you to be thankful and to keep your word.' Ps. 50:14

"In All Circumstances"

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."
I Thes. 5:18 (NIV)

Thankfulness in any circumstance begins when I choose to obey and be faithful.

Thankfulness in any circumstance doesn't compare me with others.

Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14

Thankfulness in any circumstance is equivalent to my awareness of Gods purpose in the circumstance.

"You may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
I Pet. 1:6-7 (NIV)

We can acknowledge struggles yet be thankful during them

"I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked."
II Cor. 11:23-27 (NIV)

In All Circumstances We Can Learn to Be Thankful:

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Php. 4:11-13 (NIV)

Talk It Over & Pray Together

Do you think "Thankfulness in all circumstances is an act of obedience to God's word?"

Look up Philippians 4: 6 - 9

Here are some points in this scripture that call for action on our part:

1. Do not be anxious
2. In every situation pray & petition God
3. Pray with thanksgiving
4. Guard our hearts
5. Think on things that are pure noble right, lovely & admirable

(Add some of your own insights)

Thankfulness in any circumstance doesn't compare me with others

Do you recognize the gifts, talents and purpose God has given you?

We can acknowledge struggles, yet be thankful

List a struggle below that you faced. How did you become thankful during and after that struggle: