

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of November 27th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

1. When faced with significant decisions in life, how do you typically decide what to do? _____

2. As a side note in his sermon, Pastor Bryan referenced Romans 1:18-23. According to this verse, do true atheists exist in the world? _____

3. How does the process of becoming more thankful involve both God's grace and our responsibility(1 Thess. 5:18, Eph. 5:18-20, & Phil. 4:10-11)? _____

4. In his sermon Pastor Bryan said, "joy, prayer, and thankfulness are three of the most reliable barometers of true spirituality." According to this, how spiritual are you? _____

5. How does your spouse or your best friend gauge your spirituality according to the barometer above? _____

6. How does the truth of Romans 8:28 enable us to be thankful "in everything"? _____

7. Pastor Bryan mentioned several reasons why people often fail to give thanks. What do you think are your two most common reasons for ingratitude? _____

8. As a Christian, what are your top three motivations for thankfulness? _____

9. Would these motivations change if the Lord brought tragedy into your life tomorrow? Why or why not? _____

Sermon Prep: Read Galatians 4.

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

I Thessalonians 5:18

Thanksgiving 2016

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"In Everything Give Thanks."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What are some ways that people try to determine God's will (examples noted by Pastor Bryan at the start)?
2. First, God's will is that you be what?
3. What two passages give us the answer to question #2?
4. Second, God wants you to be what?
5. God wants you to allow the Spirit of God to produce what?
6. Third, God's will is for you to be steadfast in what?
7. Fourth, God's will is for you to be what?
8. You can't be growing spiritually if you are involved in what?
9. Fifth, God's will is for you to be saying what?

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10. The two commands, “rejoice always” and “pray constantly” deal with what?
11. The third command, related to giving thanks, deals with what?
12. Thankfulness is a virtue that is produced in us when we do what?
13. What is a significant statement in Philippians 4:11?
14. What is a serious issue in God’s sight?
15. According to Romans 1, what is a root of much of our rebellion and defiance against God?
16. So many of our sins and problems stem right back to what issue?
17. Joy, Prayer, and Thankfulness are three of the most reliable barometers of what?
18. What is a major theme of the letters Paul wrote when he was in prison?
19. What is not fitting talk for a child of God?
20. What is an integral part of spiritual growth?
21. How many times in Colossians 3:15-17 does God refer to the virtue of thankfulness?
22. What one verse gives us the ability to give thanks in everything?
23. What is the first reason given for why we don’t give thanks?
24. Do you truly believe what the Bible says about God and what He is up to in your life?
25. What is a second reason for why we don’t give thanks?
26. What is a third reason for why we don’t give thanks?
27. What is your focus/vision?
28. What kills thankfulness?
29. What is a fourth reason for why we don’t give thanks?
30. Are you hard to be around?
31. What is a fifth reason why we don’t give thanks?
32. What is a sixth reason why we don’t give thanks?
33. Is your spirit empty?
34. What is a seventh reason why we don’t give thanks?
35. Is God being unreasonable when He says, “In **everything** give thanks”?
36. Why is it accurate to say that God is being tremendously loving and gracious when he commands us to be thankful?
37. Are you in God’s will?