"Thanks-Living" The Ultimate Way To Give Thanks Philippians 4:4-9

Thanksgiving is so much more than a Holiday; it's a WAY OF LIFE!

We need to learn to <u>THINK Differently</u> if we are to <u>ACT Differently</u>!

Today, Paul gives us THREE KEYS to THANKS-LIVING:

1. GOD'S WORD SAYS <u>REJOICE!</u> (v.4)

- God calls us to live a JOY FILLED life!
- GOD is the ONE Constant in a changing universe.
- "If a believer goes one day <u>Without Rejoicing</u>, he hasn't <u>Really Lived</u>."
- Paul says <u>Focus</u> on the <u>Lord</u> & <u>REJOICE</u>...then you're <u>Really Living!</u>

2. GUARD YOUR <u>EMOTIONS</u> (vv.5-7)

- The ONLY way the world <u>SEES</u> our <u>Emotions</u> is in things we <u>Say</u> & <u>Do</u>.
- If you're a Believer, God is WITH you! God is IN you! (Galatians 5:22-23)
- HOW are we to <u>Keep Free from worry?</u> (v.6b)
- Our prayers need to include Thanksgiving!

3. RENEW YOUR MIND (v.8-9)

- You have a <u>CHOICE</u> about what consumes your <u>Thoughts</u>.
- If you're **NOT Thinking** right, you need to **RENEW your Mind!**
- God has NOT <u>Overlooked</u> you...you just need to <u>TRUST Him</u>.
- When you learn to <u>Rejoice</u> in the Lord, <u>THANKS-LIVING</u> will overflow with the <u>PEACE</u> of God (v.7, 9)
- Do you have God's <u>Peace</u> in your life <u>OR</u> is it filled with <u>Turmoil</u>?
- NO PEACE IN LIFE? ...KNOW PEACE THRU CHRIST!