

Gimme Gimme: The Antidote

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The Main Thing

The antidote to a sense of entitlement is an attitude of gratitude. It is impossible to both keep score and be thankful at the same time. We must give thanks for all things, as modeled by King David. He was thankful when:

1. Things Could Be Better
2. Things Go Wrong
3. Things Are Good

Our Scripture Focus

1 Chronicle 16:8-10; Colossians 3:15-17; 2 Samuel 6:14-16, 12:20-23.

Questions for Discussion

1. When do you have a harder time feeling grateful – when things could be better, when things go wrong, or when things are good? What steps can you take to replace your feelings of entitlement with an attitude of gratitude during these times?
2. In what areas of your life do you find yourself keeping score – wanting more of what others around you have? What steps can you take this week to stop keeping score?
3. This week, cultivate an attitude of gratitude – between now and Thanksgiving, you and your family should write down on slips of paper things you are grateful for, and, after placing your initials on the papers, put them in a bucket designated for this purpose. On Thanksgiving, take turns reading aloud the things different family members are grateful for.

The Bottom Line

We grow closer to God when we are thankful in all things.

Where We Go From Here

Next week we will conclude our series, *Gimme, Gimme*.

Talking with God This Week

God, help me to replace my sense of entitlement with an attitude of gratitude.