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Message Series: Gratitude Changes Us: Philippians

Today's Message: Gratitude Growing

"Gripes grow and ferment in the winery of an ungrateful heart."

### To Cultivate A Grateful Mind:

#### 1. Exercise Christ's Love

Philippians 2:1-3

**NOTE:** "... being united in Christ" ... "sharing in the Spirit"

**Christ-Followers:** have God's very real presence and power to "value others above themselves"

Philippians 2:4-7

#### **Two Truths:**

1) If you want to find out what someone is really like, don't give him responsibilities—give him privileges.

2) "Ministry that costs nothing accomplishes nothing." If there is to be any blessing, there must be some bleeding.

Philippians 2:8-11

#### 2. Work Out Your Life In Christ

Philippians 2:12, 13

**Don't Miss This:** The obedience Jesus showed is connected to Christ Followers walking in Him.

⇒ We are to "work out" what God in His grace has "worked in".

⇒ Like... working a mine... working a field... reaping a harvest.

#### **God's Tools:**

1) **His Word**-----1 Thessalonians 2:13

2) **Prayer**-----Ephesians 3:20

3) **Suffering**-----1 Peter 4:12-16, 18

#### 3. Gratitude Growing

Philippians 2:14-18

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

⇒ We are to "stop putting out the Spirit's fire," not discouraging but encouraging others.

Numbers 14:1, 10, 11    Numbers 14:26-29, 43

James 1:2    James 1:17    James 5:7-10

Ephesians 5:18-20

**Action Step:** Feeling grateful without communicating it is like clouds that refuse to rain. So—Fully Express Your Gratitude to God and others.