

**Wheelersburg Baptist Church 11/27/22**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:18 “Dealing with Unmet Expectations By Giving Thanks”**

**I. Giving thanks brings pleasure to \_\_\_\_.**

- A. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity.
- B. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity.
- C. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ activity.

**II. Giving thanks brings benefit to \_\_\_\_.**

- A. It's essential for overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 4:6-7).
- B. It's essential for overcoming sexual \_\_\_\_ (Eph 5:3-4).
- C. It's essential for overcoming a wrong \_\_\_\_\_ of things in this world (1 Tim 4:1-5).
- D. It's essential for overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 10:14-17).
- E. It's essential for overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ in a broken world (1 Cor 15:56-57).
- F. It's essential for overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ in ministry (2 Cor 2:12-14).
- G. It's essential for overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 9:6-7, 15).

**Make It Personal: Essential lessons for dealing with unmet expectations...**

1. We must expect to have \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.
2. We must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ our expectations to his Lordship.
3. We must realize that God intends to use our unmet expectations to accomplish something for our greater joy and His greater \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We must learn to give \_\_\_\_\_ when our expectations go unmet.
5. We must see and \_\_\_\_\_ in God when we experience unmet expectations.

**Community Group Discussion:**

1. In this morning's message from 1 Thessalonians 5:18, we saw two reasons why it's vital that we be people who give thanks. Take time to read this passage again. Take time to share with your group some of the highlights from the message that stood out to you, and why.
2. What is the difference between giving thanks “for all circumstances” and “in all circumstances”?
3. What does it mean to say that giving thanks is a *gospel activity* (as a reminder, consider those important words “in Christ Jesus”)?
4. At the end of today's message, we suggested that thanksgiving is the perfect remedy for dealing with unmet expectations. Take time as a group to unpack this reality. What are unmet expectations? What must happen if we are to give thanks for our unmet expectations? Share some examples from your own lives.
5. Spend time as a group expressing prayers of thanksgiving. Keep in mind the importance of giving thanks “in all circumstances”.