

## Part 8 Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God

### Challenge #1 Give Thanks in All Circumstances

The challenge for this week is “give thanks in all circumstances”.

This is part of a yearly series “Weekly Challenges to Get Closer to God”. There are 26 challenges for 1 year. You concentrate on 1 thing for 1 week (every other week) and see what happens.

With this week’s challenge (give thanks in all circumstances), it isn’t giving thanks FOR all circumstances, but IN all circumstances. You don’t need to thank God for your suffering, but you can thank him for other worthy good things (big or small) in your life during your suffering. You may find it truly eases your pain.

Do it all week no matter how your week is going. Thank God for everything you can think of as many times as you can remember. Really concentrate on it.

Here are some Bible verses to motivate you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.*

*Psalms 100:4-5 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; **give thanks to him and praise his name**. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

*Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.***

*Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, **being watchful and thankful.***

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