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### Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 174

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **asking you to give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thess. 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

The Greek phrase for *give thanks in all circumstances* is **eucharisteite panti** which means *thankful for God’s grace working out*. I believe that it is sometimes difficult for us to stay committed to thinking in the spiritual realm when the physical realm seems so real. When you can’t make a payment or when the car breaks down again. When you get a bill in the mail that you weren’t expecting. When someone you love becomes gravely ill. It is in those times that God wants us to truly trust Him and even give thanks. We are living in the days of struggle and tough times. This is not the first time that people have had to try to adapt to the “circumstances” of life. But, the encouragement of the Lord is to **give thanks**. In fact, it is God’s will for us. You may ask, why should I be thankful when circumstances come that seem like they are impossible to handle? There is one simple answer. It is God’s will; it is God’s way to show us how He can turn any circumstance, no matter how daunting, into something that will bring Him glory. Over and over again, God has used difficult circumstances to show Himself more than able to meet any need and bless us in the midst of the trial. It is the grace of God that works through these situations and allows Him to show Himself more than able to handle anything on our behalf. It is easy to thank God for the “blessings” of life. He is asking us to thank Him for every moment of life - because He is in control and He can handle any situation and bring good from it.

**Dear Father, help us to give thanks in all circumstances because we know that You are God and that You have a purpose for everything that we face. You will give us what we need to face anything. You will supply all of our needs according to Your riches in glory! In Jesus Name, Amen**