

# ***GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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## ***Give Thanks To The Lord***

**Text: I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Introduction : How many times do you pray? In those prayers how much time do you spend asking God for things you want or need? How much time is spent saying “thank you” for all that God has done? We need to spend some quality time thanking God for everything He has done, is doing, and will do for our lives. This would be a great time to praise Him!

Discussion :

### ***I. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Goodness***

**Psalm 106:1** – *“Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”*

### ***II. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Mercy***

**Psalm 136:1** – *“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”*  
(keep reading through the entire psalm)

### ***III. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Love***

**John 3:16** – *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

### ***IV. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Church (Fellowship)***

**Acts 28:15** – *“And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.”*

### ***V. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Salvation***

**Romans 7:24-25** – *“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.”*

### ***VI. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Provision***

**Romans 14:6-7** – *“He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.”*

### ***VII. We Must Give Thanks For God’s Blessings***

**Ephesians 1:3** – *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”*

Conclusion : Have you thanked God for all that He has done for you? **I Thessalonians 5:16-18** says, *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* Let’s pray to God and thank Him for all that He has done for us.