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BE THANKFUL

Introduction: One night on his way home, the great Bible commentator was robbed. After this unfortunate incident he recorded this prayer in his journal: "I thank thee that I have never been robbed before. I thank thee that even though they took my purse, they did not take my life. I thank thee that though they took my all, it was not much. I thank thee that it was I who was robbed, and not I who robbed."

Eph. 5:20 - "...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Col. 3:15 - "...be thankful..."

1 Thess 5:16-18 - "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I. _____ THANKFUL

1. About _____

Ps. 100:3 - "Know that the Lord is God"

Ps. 100:5 - "For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

2. About God's _____ towards me

Phil 1:6 - "...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

3. About _____

Rom. 8:18 - "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

4. About our _____

Lam 3:22-23 - "...for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning..."

II. _____ THANKFUL

1. Put on a _____

2. _____ of Thanksgiving

3. _____ for somebody in need

III. _____ THANKFUL

1. Thinking comes _____ - what you _____ is what you will _____

Conclusion: Augustine tells us that the early saints when they met each other would never separate without saying, "Deo gratias! Thanks be to God."