

Walking the Path of Praise and Thanksgiving**Psalm 34:1-7****Summary Statement**

Have you ever felt like you were in a spiritual rut? Have you ever just felt like you were going through the motions when it comes to your personal relationship with God? We all need to understand that we have been called to personally walk the path of praise and thanksgiving and according to how we accomplish this will determine our passion and zeal for the Lord on a daily basis. The main objective of this message is to help you understand the dynamics of personally walking the path of praise and thanksgiving with the anticipation of moving you farther down the path of praise and passion for God.

The First Steps in Walking the Path of Praise and Thanksgiving**How should we praise God?**

Step #1 – We should Praise God Personally (v.1)

Step #2 – We should Praise God Verbally (v.1)

Step #3 – We should Praise God Continually (v.1)

- **Key Point** – These three steps in the path of praise and thanksgiving focus on the simple fact that praise directed toward God must always be personal and heartfelt. This shapes the rest of our day with regard to our state of mind and our attitude toward God and others.

Why should we praise God?

Step #4 – Your Faith will be Strengthened (v. 3)

Step #5 – Your Fear will be Eliminated (v. 4)

Step #6 – Your Enemies will be Defeated (v.6-7)

- **Key Point** – These three steps in the path of praise and thanksgiving focus on the fact that praise directed toward God has a specific purpose and a tremendous role in our spiritual life. It gives us confidence, strength, and courage to continue walking down the path of faithfulness and devotion to God.

Questions to Consider

1. What are the different ways that I have praised God throughout this past week?
2. How can I praise God more passionately this next week?

Memory Verse

Psalm 34:1 – I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

Challenge

The challenge this week is to take a moment, stop what you are doing, and verbally thank God with sincerity of heart at least three times a day.



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