



Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

**Revelation
3:20**

What type of prayer life?

• grateful

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Why is being grateful so important? ¹

Because a Christian has so much to be grateful for!

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. (Romans 5)

Why is being grateful so important? ²

Because habit of gratitude will result in great joy!

"joyful" (*chairō*), "thankful" (*eucharisto*), "grace" (*charis*) and "joy" (*chara*)

Why is being grateful so important? ³

Because ingratitude is core at feeding various sins!

²¹ Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. ²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.
(Romans 1)

⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.
(Romans 8)

How can we do better at being grateful?

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- When you are blessed tell God!
- Plan times to express gratefulness!
- Engage the Bible and Christian songs!
- Always thank before you ask!
- Help other do this!



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