

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Stop Kidding Yourself"

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James 1:19-27

Thankful speech is any speech directed to God or man that expresses gratitude for something good they have done, are doing or will do.

Expressing our thankfulness to others directly.

We are called to honor all men (1 Peter 2:17). The word "honor" primarily means "valuing."

When we do what is expected as a slave of Christ we should not expect to be thanked. When we are obedient to God who is our master we have only done what is required (Luke 17:7-10).

If our speech pattern is such that we do not bridle our tongues for the purpose of giving thanks to the Lord and to others, our heart is more like the heart of a master than of a servant (Luke 17:7-10).

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Even though it is rare to see someone saying "thank you" to another person in the Bible directly, we frequently see thanksgiving expressed indirectly by way of prayer or references to prayer (Philippians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:13).