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I. Why We Should Be Thankful
   A. Col. 3:15–17; 1 Thess. 5:16–19—A direct command of God, which is related to being in God’s will
   B. Eph. 5:18–20—An expression of the fullness of the Holy Spirit
   C. Phil 4:6–7; Col. 4:2—Necessary to make other forms of prayer effective
      Examples of intercessory prayers:
         1. Rom. 1:8–9
         2. Eph. 1:15–16
         3. Phil. 1:3–4
         4. Col. 1:3
         5. 1 Thess. 1:2
         6. 2 Tim. 1:3
   D. Jonah 2:9–10; John 6:11, 23; John 11:41–44—A key to release God’s supernatural power
   E. James 2:26—The simplest “work” is to express faith by giving thanks
   F. Luke 17:12–19—Sets the seal on blessings already received

II. The Penalties For Unthankfulness
   A. Phil. 2:14; Jude 16—Murmuring has no place in Christian service
   B. 1 Cor. 10:6–10—Murmuring is one of the various sins that brought judgment on Israel and is a warning to us today
   C. God’s exemplary judgments on murmurers and complainers
      1. Num. 14:36–37—Died by the plague
      3. Murmuring exposes us to the attack of Satan

III. Conclusion
   Prov. 3:5–6—A positive, effective way to acknowledge God and seek His direction in your life

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