

**Series: Strengthened (1st Thessalonians)**

**Sermon: I Am Not a Victim**

**Bible Verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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Our relationship with God is too often based on \_\_\_\_\_!

I am commanded to give God \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_. This is God's will for me.

**Me - a victim of circumstance? No. A thankful \_\_\_\_\_.**

I don't merely thank God *for my* circumstances. Primarily, I thank God for \_\_\_\_\_, his goodness, his love, his \_\_\_\_\_, his righteous \_\_\_\_\_, and for saving us!

(1) We are supposed to have pure joy, and express thanks, \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 1 Calculation:* Trials + \_\_\_\_\_ = pure joy,  
because I become Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) We are supposed to express thanks, in everyday \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) We are supposed to give thanks, in \_\_\_\_\_, even long-term \_\_\_\_\_.

### **I'm thankful to God for...**

*Monday.* This part of his character:

*Tuesday.* Forgiving me for:

*Wednesday.* For answering this prayer:

*Thursday.* For his love.

*Friday.* Helping me become better in this area:

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